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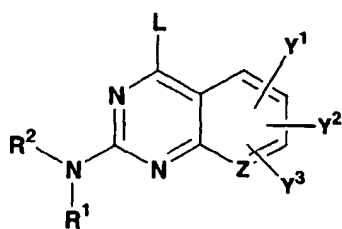
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(54) Title: QUINAZOLINE AND PYRIDO[2,3-d]PYRIMIDINE INHIBITORS OF PHOSPHODIESTERASE (PDE) 7

(57) Abstract: Quinazoline and pyrido[2,3-d]pyrimidine phosphodiesterase 7 (PDE 7) inhibitors of the following formula [insert chemical structure here] wherein R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup>, L, Y<sup>1</sup>, Y<sup>2</sup>, Y<sup>3</sup> and Z are as described herein, are provided which are useful in treating T-cell mediated diseases.

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## **Quinazoline and Pyrido[2,3-d]pyrimidine Inhibitors of Phosphodiesterase (PDE) 7**

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### **Field of the Invention**

The present invention relates to quinazoline and pyrido[2,3-d]pyrimidine inhibitors of phosphodiesterase 7 (PDE 7) (including both selective inhibitors of PDE 7, and dual inhibitors of PDE 7 and phosphodiesterase 4), pharmaceutical compositions containing these inhibitors, and the use of these inhibitors in the treatment of leukocyte  
10 activation-associated or leukocyte-activation mediated disease and inflammatory diseases either alone or in combination with other therapeutic agents.

### **Background of the Invention**

Phosphodiesterases (PDEs) hydrolyze the second messenger molecules cAMP  
15 and cGMP to affect cellular signaling. At least 11 families of PDEs exist, some of which (PDE3,4,7,8) are specific for cAMP, and others (PDE5,6,9) for cGMP. Further family members (PDE1,2,10,11) have dual specificity. A recent publication demonstrated a role for PDE7 in the activation and/or proliferation of T cells (*Li, Yee and Beavo, Science*  
283:848-851, 1999). Resting T lymphocytes express mainly PDE3 and PDE4. However,  
20 upon activation, T cells dramatically upregulate PDE7 and appear to rely on this isozyme for regulation of cAMP levels. Removal of the ability to upregulate the production of PDE7 protein by anti-sense oligonucleotides inhibited the proliferation and IL-2  
production along with the maintenance of high concentrations of intracellular cAMP in  
CD3xCD28 stimulated T cells.

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A PDE7 inhibitor is defined herein as a compound for which the  $IC_{50}$  of  
the compound in a PDE7 inhibition assay is less than 20 micromolar (preferably less than  
10 micromolar, more preferably less than 5 micromolar, most preferably less than 1  
micromolar). The PDE7  $IC_{50}$  of a selective PDE7 inhibitor should be less than one-tenth  
the  $IC_{50}$  of said compound in all of the following PDE assays: PDE1, PDE3 and PDE4  
30 (more preferably the PDE7  $IC_{50}$  of a selective PDE7 inhibitor should be less than one-  
twentieth the  $IC_{50}$  of said compound in the following PDE assays: PDE1 and PDE3, most

preferably the PDE7  $IC_{50}$  of a selective PDE7 inhibitor should be less than one-hundredth the  $IC_{50}$  of said compound in a PDE3 assay).

Several isoforms of PDE1 have been identified and are distributed in heart, lung, and kidney tissue, as well as in circulating blood cells and smooth muscle cells.

5 PDE1 inhibitors have demonstrated potent vasodilator activity. Such activity would represent an undesirable side effect in a therapeutic agent with the utilities listed in this patent for a PDE7 inhibitor. The PDE3 family of enzymes are distributed in several tissues including the heart liver, and platelets. PDE3 inhibitors have demonstrated potent cardiac iotropic activity. Such activity would represent an undesirable side effect in a

10 therapeutic agent with the utilities listed in this patent for a PDE7 inhibitor. Several isoforms of PDE4 exist, and these are expressed in a wide variety of tissues including heart, kidney, brain, the gastrointestinal track and circulating blood cells. PDE4 inhibitors have demonstrated clinical utility for COPD, and have also been suggested to have utility for rheumatoid arthritis, and multiple sclerosis, and to possess anti-

15 inflammatory activity. The utility of PDE4 inhibitors has been limited to some extent by their propensity to cause emesis. As such there are circumstances where it would be desirable to develop PDE7 inhibitors, which have a degree of selectivity against PDE. A selective inhibitor of PDE7 is expected to have broad application as an immunosuppressant in T cell-mediated diseases. PDE7 inhibitors will act at a different

20 stage of the T cell signaling process compared to current immunosuppressants by inhibiting a very early stage of the T cell activation cascade. A selective inhibitor of PDE7 is also expected to have a decreased potential for clinically significant side effects compared to current immunosuppressants, therefore the primary disease indications are solid organ transplantation (SOT) and rheumatoid arthritis. Additional indications may

25 include IBD, psoriasis, asthma and lupus.

A dual PDE7-PDE4 inhibitor (PDE4/7 or PDE7/4) is defined herein as any compound which has an  $IC_{50}$  in both a PDE7 and a PDE4 inhibition assay of less than 20 micromolar (preferably less than 10 micromolar, and more preferably less than 5 micromolar and most preferably less than 1 micromolar), and an  $IC_{50}$  in a PDE3

30 inhibition assay which is at least 10 times higher than the  $IC_{50}$  of the compound in the PDE7 assay (more preferably at least 20 times higher than the  $IC_{50}$  of the compound in

the PDE7 assay, and most preferably at least 100 times higher than the IC<sub>50</sub> of the compound in the PDE7 assay). A dual PDE4/7 inhibitor should have a ratio of inhibition or PDE7 IC<sub>50</sub> divided by PDE4 IC<sub>50</sub> of between one-tenth and 100. Inhibitors that exhibit such a ratio of inhibition include those that inhibit PDE3, PDE4 and PDE7 as  
5 described above, and further inhibit PDE1 at an IC<sub>50</sub> at least 10 times higher than the IC<sub>50</sub> of the compound in a PDE7 assay (more preferably at least 20 times higher than the IC<sub>50</sub> of the compound in the PDE7 assay, and most preferably at least 100 times higher than the IC<sub>50</sub> of the compound in the PDE7 assay). Preferred dual PDE7-PDE4 inhibitors further include those compounds that inhibit PDE3, PDE4 and PDE7 as  
10 described above, and further suppress both T cell proliferation, and TNF-alpha secretion from either THP-1 monocytes or human peripheral blood mononuclear cells at a level of less than 20 micromolar.

"Leukocyte activation" is defined herein as any or all of leukocyte (T cell, monocyte macrophage, neutrophil etc.) cell proliferation, cytokine production, adhesion  
15 protein expression, and production of inflammatory mediators. This is mediated in part by the action of PDE4 and/or PDE7 depending on the particular leukocyte under consideration.

Examples of leukocyte activation associated or leukocyte activation mediated disorders include transplant rejection, graft versus host disease, and autoimmune  
20 disorders, such as rheumatoid arthritis, multiple sclerosis, juvenile diabetes, COPD, asthma, and inflammatory bowel disease, T-cell mediated hypersensitivity diseases, ischemic or reperfusion injury, and T-cell proliferative disorders.

Dual PDE4/7 inhibitors would be expected to block the T cell component of a disease as well as possess anti-inflammatory activity. Thus a dual PDE4/7 inhibitor  
25 which is not significantly limited by emesis, may be more effective than either a selective PDE4 inhibitor or a selective PDE7 inhibitor in a variety of disease states such as rheumatoid arthritis, asthma, COPD and multiple sclerosis.

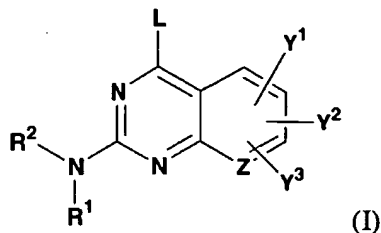
Development of either selective PDE7 inhibitors, or dual PDE7-PDE4 inhibitors will yield novel classes of therapeutics and have a novel mechanism of action  
30 by maintaining high levels of intracellular cAMP. These inhibitors would target a major unmet medical need in an area where current therapies possess significant toxicity.

Two PDE7 genes have been identified. PDE7A (EC 3.1.4.17) has two isoforms generated by alternate splicing; PDE7A1 restricted mainly to T cells and the brain, and PDE7A2 for which mRNA is expressed in a number of cell types including muscle cells. The isoforms have different sequence at the amino termini, and it is  
 5 thought that this portion of each molecule is likely to be important for cellular localization of the enzyme. However, the catalytic domain of each PDE7A enzyme is identical (*Han, P., Zhu, X. and Michaeli, T. Alternative splicing of the high affinity cAMP-specific phosphodiesterase (PDE7A) mRNA in human skeletal muscle and heart. J. Biol. Chem. 272 (26), 16152-16157 (1997)*). Although abundant PDE7A2 mRNA has been  
 10 identified, the presence of active enzyme in tissues is controversial, as no convincing data shows PDE7A2 protein *in situ* in the adult. PDE7B (EC 3.1.4.17), a second PDE7 gene family member, has approximately 70% homology to PDE7A in the enzymatic core (*Sasaki, T., Kotera, J., Yuasa, K. and Omori, K. Identification of human PDE7B, a cAMP-specific phosphodiesterase Biochem. Biophys. Res. Commun. 271 (3), 575-583 (2000)*).  
 15 Two patents from Cold Spring Harbor Labs (US 5527896 and US 5977305) cover the methods of preparation and use of recombinant PDE7A protein. A recent publication describes moderately active PDE7 inhibitors (*J. Med Chem. Vol. 43, 683 (2000)*). WO 00/68230 discloses certain 1,9 dihydropurin-6-ones derivatives as PDE7 inhibitors.

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### Summary of the Invention

The present invention provides quinazoline and pyrido[2,3-d]pyrimidine compounds of the following formula (I), their enantiomers, diastereomers, tautomers and pharmaceutically acceptable salts, prodrugs and solvates thereof, for use as PDE7 inhibitors and dual PDE4/7 inhibitors:



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wherein

R<sup>1</sup> is H or alkyl;

R<sup>2</sup> is

- (a) heteroaryl, or heterocyclo, either of which may be optionally substituted with one to three groups T<sup>1</sup>, T<sup>2</sup>, T<sup>3</sup>;
- 5 (b) aryl substituted with one to three groups T<sup>1</sup>, T<sup>2</sup>, T<sup>3</sup> provided that at least one of T<sup>1</sup>, T<sup>2</sup>, T<sup>3</sup> is other than H; or
- (c) aryl fused to a heteroaryl or heterocyclo ring wherein the combined ring system may be optionally substituted with one to three groups T<sup>1</sup>, T<sup>2</sup>, T<sup>3</sup>;

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- 10 (a) -OR<sup>4</sup>, -C(O)R<sup>4</sup>, -C(O)OR<sup>4</sup>, -SR<sup>4</sup>, -NR<sup>3</sup>R<sup>4</sup>, -C(O)NR<sup>3</sup>R<sup>4</sup>, -NR<sup>3</sup>SO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>4b</sup> halogen, nitro, haloalkyl; or
- (b) alkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, heterocyclo, or cycloalkyl any of which may be optionally substituted with one to three groups T<sup>1a</sup>, T<sup>2a</sup>, T<sup>3a</sup>;

Y<sup>1</sup>, Y<sup>2</sup> and Y<sup>3</sup> are independently

- 15 (a) hydrogen, halo, -OR<sup>4a</sup>, or
- (b) alkyl, alkenyl, or alkynyl any of which may be optionally substituted with one to three groups T<sup>1b</sup>, T<sup>2b</sup> or T<sup>3b</sup>;

R<sup>3</sup> and R<sup>4</sup> are independently H, alkyl, alkenyl, aryl, (aryl)alkyl, heteroaryl,

- (heteroaryl)alkyl, cycloalkyl, (cycloalkyl)alkyl, heterocyclo or (heterocyclo)alkyl;
- 20 any of which may be optionally substituted with one to three groups T<sup>1a</sup>, T<sup>2a</sup> or T<sup>3a</sup>;

or R<sup>3</sup> and R<sup>4</sup> together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached may combine to form a 4 to 8 membered heterocyclo ring optionally substituted with one to three groups T<sup>1a</sup>, T<sup>2a</sup> or T<sup>3a</sup>;

- 25 R<sup>4a</sup> is hydrogen, alkyl, alkenyl, aryl, heteroaryl, (aryl)alkyl, (heteroaryl)alkyl, heterocyclo, (heterocyclo)alkyl, cycloalkyl or (cycloalkyl)alkyl any of which may be optionally substituted with one to three groups T<sup>1b</sup>, T<sup>2b</sup> or T<sup>3b</sup>;

R<sup>4b</sup> is alkyl, alkenyl, aryl, (aryl)alkyl, heteroaryl, (heteroaryl)alkyl, cycloalkyl,

- 30 (cycloalkyl)alkyl, heterocyclo or (heterocyclo)alkyl any of which may be optionally substituted with one to three groups T<sup>1a</sup>, T<sup>2a</sup> or T<sup>3a</sup>;

Z is N or CH;

$T^{1-1b}$ ,  $T^{2-2b}$ , and  $T^{3-3b}$  are each independently

(1) hydrogen or  $T^6$ , where  $T^6$  is

(i) alkyl, (hydroxy)alkyl, (alkoxy)alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl,  
5 cycloalkyl, (cycloalkyl)alkyl, cycloalkenyl,  
(cycloalkenyl)alkyl, aryl, (aryl)alkyl, heterocyclo,  
(heterocylco)alkyl, heteroaryl, or (heteroaryl)alkyl;

(ii) (ii) a group (i) which is itself substituted by one or more of  
the same or different groups (i); or

10 (iii) (iii) a group (i) or (ii) which is independently substituted by  
one or more (preferably 1 to 3) of the following groups (2)  
to (13) of the definition of  $T^{1-1b}$ ,  $T^{2-2b}$  and  $T^{3-3b}$ ,

(2) -OH or -OT<sup>6</sup>,

(3) -SH or -ST<sup>6</sup>,

15 (4) -C(O)<sub>t</sub>H, -C(O)<sub>t</sub>T<sup>6</sup>, or -O-C(O)T<sup>6</sup>, where t is 1 or 2;

(5) -SO<sub>3</sub>H, -S(O)<sub>t</sub>T<sup>6</sup>, or S(O)<sub>t</sub>N(T<sup>9</sup>)T<sup>6</sup>,

(6) halo,

(7) cyano,

(8) nitro;

20 (9) -T<sup>4</sup>-NT<sup>7</sup>T<sup>8</sup>;

(10) -T<sup>4</sup>-N(T<sup>9</sup>)-T<sup>5</sup>-NT<sup>7</sup>T<sup>8</sup>,

(11) -T<sup>4</sup>-N(T<sup>10</sup>)-T<sup>5</sup>-T<sup>6</sup>,

(12) -T<sup>4</sup>-N(T<sup>10</sup>)-T<sup>5</sup>-H,

(13) oxo,

25  $T^4$  and  $T^5$  are each independently

(1) a single bond,

(2) -T<sup>11</sup>-S(O)<sub>t</sub>-T<sup>12</sup>-,

(3) -T<sup>11</sup>-C(O)-T<sup>12</sup>-,

(4) -T<sup>11</sup>-C(S)-T<sup>12</sup>-,

30 (5) -T<sup>11</sup>-O-T<sup>12</sup>-,

(6) -T<sup>11</sup>-S-T<sup>12</sup>-,

- (7)  $-T^{11}-O-C(O)-T^{12}-$ ,
- (8)  $-T^{11}-C(O)-O-T^{12}-$ ,
- (9)  $-T^{11}-C(=NT^{9a})-T^{12}-$ , or
- (10)  $-T^{11}-C(O)-C(O)-T^{12}-$

5  $T^7, T^8, T^9, T^{9a}$  and  $T^{10}$

(1) are each independently hydrogen or a group provided in the definition of  $T^6$ ,

or

(2)  $T^7$  and  $T^8$  may together be alkylene or alkenylene, completing a 3- to 8-membered saturated or unsaturated ring together with the atoms to which they are attached, which ring is unsubstituted or substituted with one or more groups listed in the description of  $T^{1-1b}$ ,  $T^{2-2b}$  and  $T^{3-3b}$ , or

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(3)  $T^7$  or  $T^8$ , together with  $T^9$ , may be alkylene or alkenylene completing a 3- to 8-membered saturated or unsaturated ring together with the nitrogen atoms to which they are attached, which ring is unsubstituted or substituted with one or more groups listed in the description of  $T^{1-1b}$ ,  $T^{2-2b}$  and  $T^{3-3b}$ , or

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(4)  $T^7$  and  $T^8$  or  $T^9$  and  $T^{10}$  together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached may combine to form a group  $-N=CT^{13}T^{14}$  where  $T^{13}$  and  $T^{14}$  are each independently H or a group provided in the definition of  $T^6$ ; and

$T^{11}$  and  $T^{12}$  are each independently

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- (1) a single bond,
- (2) alkylene,
- (3) alkenylene, or
- (4) alkynylene.

Preferred compounds of Formula I include those wherein:

25 L is

- (a) halogen, alkoxy, haloalkyl,  $-NR^3R^4$ ,  $-C(O)OR^4$ ,  $-C(O)NR^3R^4$ ;
- (b) aryl or heteroaryl either of which may be optionally substituted with one or more  $T^{1a}$ ,  $T^{2a}$ ,  $T^{3a}$  (especially cyano, optionally substituted alkyl, (hydroxy)alkyl,  $-OH$ ,  $-OT^6$ ,  $-ST^6$ ,  $-SO_4T^6$ ,  $-CO_2H$ ,  $-CO_2T^6$ ,  $-T^4NT^7T^8$ , or  $-T^4N(T^{10})-T^5-T^6$ );

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(c) optionally substituted alkyl (especially substituted with one or more -OH, -CO<sub>2</sub>H, -CO<sub>2</sub>T<sup>6</sup>, -T<sup>4</sup>-NT<sup>7</sup>T<sup>8</sup>, -T<sup>4</sup>-N(T<sup>10</sup>)-T<sup>5</sup>-H, or ; -T<sup>4</sup>-N(T<sup>10</sup>)-T<sup>5</sup>-T<sup>6</sup>);

Y<sup>1</sup>, Y<sup>2</sup> and Y<sup>3</sup> are independently

(a) H, -OR<sup>4a</sup> or

5 (b) alkyl or alkenyl either of which may be optionally substituted (especially with one or more -OH, -OT<sup>6</sup>, -CO<sub>2</sub>H, or -CO<sub>2</sub>T<sup>6</sup>);

R<sup>1</sup> is H or alkyl;

R<sup>2</sup> is

10 (a) heteroaryl (more preferably thiazolyl or oxazolyl) optionally substituted with one to three groups T<sup>1</sup>, T<sup>2</sup>, T<sup>3</sup>, preferably including H, alkyl, haloalkyl, halo, heteroaryl, cyano, C(O)<sub>i</sub>T<sup>6</sup>, OT<sup>6</sup>, -T<sup>4</sup>NT<sup>7</sup>T<sup>8</sup>;

(b) aryl substituted with one to three groups T<sup>1</sup>, T<sup>2</sup>, T<sup>3</sup> (preferably including heteroaryl (preferably, imidazolyl, oxazolyl, or thiazolyl any of which may be further optionally substituted), cyano, C(O)<sub>i</sub>T<sup>6</sup>, S(O)<sub>i</sub>N(T<sup>9</sup>)T<sup>6</sup>, halo alkyl, and haloalkyl); or

15 (c) aryl fused to a heterocyclo ring (e.g., 2,3-dihydro-1H-indole bound through the aryl ring, quinolyl bound through the aryl ring (especially quinol-6-yl), quinazolinyl bound through the aryl ring (especially quinazolin-7-yl), cinnolinyl bound through the aryl ring (especially cinnolin-6-yl), isoquinolinyl bound through the aryl ring (especially isoquinol-6-yl), and phthalazinyl bound through the aryl ring (especially phthalazin-6-yl)) wherein the combined ring system may be optionally substituted with one to three groups T<sup>1</sup>, T<sup>2</sup>, T<sup>3</sup> (especially halo, OH, OT<sup>6</sup>, alkyl, -CO<sub>2</sub>H, -CO<sub>2</sub>T<sup>6</sup>, or -C(O)NT<sup>7</sup>T<sup>8</sup>);

20 R<sup>3</sup> is H or optionally substituted alkyl (especially substituted with one or more -OH, or -OT<sup>6</sup>);

R<sup>4</sup> is

(a) hydrogen;

30 (b) (aryl)alkyl where the aryl group is optionally independently substituted with one or more groups T<sup>1a</sup>, T<sup>2a</sup>, T<sup>3a</sup> (especially optionally substituted alkyl, halo, cyano, nitro, (hydroxy)alkyl, -OH, -OT<sup>6</sup>, -ST<sup>6</sup>, -CO<sub>2</sub>H, -CO<sub>2</sub>T<sup>6</sup>,

$-\text{SO}_3\text{H}$ ,  $-\text{SO}_i\text{T}^6$ ,  $-\text{SO}_i\text{N}(\text{T}^9)(\text{T}^6)$ ,  $-\text{T}^4\text{NT}^7\text{T}^8$ ,  $-\text{T}^4-\text{N}(\text{T}^{10})-\text{T}^5-\text{T}^6$ , heterocyclo, or heteroaryl);

(c) (heteroaryl)alkyl where the heteroaryl group is optionally independently substituted with one or more groups  $\text{T}^{1a}$ ,  $\text{T}^{2a}$ ,  $\text{T}^{3a}$  (especially optionally substituted alkyl, halo, cyano, nitro, (hydroxy)alkyl,  $-\text{OH}$ ,  $-\text{OT}^6$ ,  $-\text{ST}^6$ ,  $-\text{CO}_i\text{H}$ ,  $-\text{CO}_i\text{T}^6$ ,  $-\text{SO}_3\text{H}$ ,  $-\text{SO}_i\text{T}^6$ ,  $-\text{SO}_i\text{N}(\text{T}^9)(\text{T}^6)$ ,  $-\text{T}^4\text{NT}^7\text{T}^8$ ,  $-\text{T}^4-\text{N}(\text{T}^{10})-\text{T}^5-\text{T}^6$ , heterocyclo, or heteroaryl);

(d) (heterocyclo)alkyl where the heterocyclo group is optionally independently substituted with one or more groups  $\text{T}^{1a}$ ,  $\text{T}^{2a}$ ,  $\text{T}^{3a}$  (especially optionally substituted alkyl, halo, cyano, nitro, oxo, (hydroxy)alkyl,  $-\text{OH}$ ,  $-\text{OT}^6$ ,  $-\text{ST}^6$ ,  $-\text{CO}_i\text{H}$ ,  $-\text{CO}_i\text{T}^6$ ,  $-\text{SO}_3\text{H}$ ,  $-\text{SO}_i\text{T}^6$ ,  $-\text{SO}_i\text{N}(\text{T}^9)(\text{T}^6)$ ,  $-\text{T}^4\text{NT}^7\text{T}^8$ ,  $-\text{T}^4-\text{N}(\text{T}^{10})-\text{T}^5-\text{T}^6$ , heterocyclo, or heteroaryl);

(e) alkyl optionally independently substituted with one or more groups  $\text{T}^{1a}$ ,  $\text{T}^{2a}$ ,  $\text{T}^{3a}$  (especially  $-\text{OH}$ ,  $-\text{OT}^6$ ,  $-\text{CO}_i\text{H}$ ,  $-\text{CO}_i\text{T}^6$ ,  $-\text{T}^4\text{NT}^7\text{T}^8$  or  $-\text{T}^4-\text{N}(\text{T}^{10})-\text{T}^5-\text{T}^6$ );

(f) heterocyclo optionally independently substituted with one or more groups  $\text{T}^{1a}$ ,  $\text{T}^{2a}$ ,  $\text{T}^{3a}$  (especially optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted aryl, optionally substituted heteroaryl, optionally substituted aralkyl, optionally substituted heterocyclo, cyano,  $-\text{OH}$ ,  $-\text{OT}^6$ ,  $-\text{CO}_i\text{H}$ ,  $-\text{CO}_i\text{T}^6$ , oxo, hydroxy(alkyl), (alkoxy)alkyl,  $-\text{T}^4-\text{N}(\text{T}^{10})-\text{T}^5-\text{T}^6$ , or  $-\text{T}^4-\text{NT}^7\text{T}^8$ );

or  $\text{R}^3$  and  $\text{R}^4$  together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached combine to form a 4 to 8-membered heterocyclo ring (especially pyrrolidinyl, piperadinyl, piperazinyl, morpholinyl, diazapanyl or 1,4-dioxo-8-azaspiro[4.5]decan-8-yl) optionally substituted with one to three groups  $\text{T}^{1a}$ ,  $\text{T}^{2a}$ ,  $\text{T}^{3a}$  (especially optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted aryl, optionally substituted heteroaryl, optionally substituted aralkyl, optionally substituted heterocyclo, cyano,  $-\text{OH}$ ,  $-\text{OT}^6$ ,  $-\text{CO}_i\text{H}$ ,  $-\text{CO}_i\text{T}^6$ , oxo, hydroxy(alkyl), (alkoxy)alkyl,  $-\text{T}^4-\text{N}(\text{T}^{10})-\text{T}^5-\text{T}^6$ , or  $-\text{T}^4-\text{NT}^7\text{T}^8$ );

More preferred compounds of the present invention include compounds wherein:

L is

(a) halogen, alkoxy, haloalkyl,  $-\text{NR}^3\text{R}^4$ ,  $-\text{C}(\text{O})\text{OR}^4$ ,  $-\text{C}(\text{O})\text{NR}^3\text{R}^4$  (especially  $-\text{NR}^3\text{R}^4$ );

(b) aryl or heteroaryl either of which may be optionally substituted with one or more  $\text{T}^{1a}$ ,  $\text{T}^{2a}$ ,  $\text{T}^{3a}$  selected from cyano, optionally substituted alkyl, (hydroxy)alkyl,  $-\text{OH}$ ,  $-\text{OT}^6$ ,  $-\text{ST}^6$ ,  $-\text{SO}_t\text{T}^6$ ,  $-\text{CO}_t\text{H}$ ,  $-\text{CO}_t\text{T}^6$ ,  $-\text{T}^4\text{NT}^7\text{T}^8$ , or  $-\text{T}^4\text{N}(\text{T}^{10})-\text{T}^5-\text{T}^6$ ,

where

$\text{T}^4$  is a bond or  $-\text{C}(\text{O})-$ ;

$\text{T}^5$  is  $-\text{C}(\text{O})-$ , or  $-\text{C}(\text{O})\text{O}-$ ;

$\text{T}^6$  is alkyl or haloalkyl;

$\text{T}^7$  and  $\text{T}^8$  are independently

H;

alkyl optionally substituted with cycloalkyl, heteroaryl,

hydroxy or  $-\text{NT}^7\text{T}^8$ ;

cycloalkyl; or

aryl optionally substituted with halogen;

or  $\text{T}^7$  and  $\text{T}^8$  together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached combine to form a heterocyclo ring optionally substituted with (hydroxy)alkyl,  $\text{CO}_t\text{H}$  or  $\text{CO}_t\text{T}^6$

$\text{T}^{10}$  is hydrogen;

(c) alkyl optionally substituted with one or more  $-\text{OH}$ ,  $-\text{CO}_t\text{H}$ ,  $-\text{CO}_t\text{T}^6$ ,  $-\text{T}^4-\text{NT}^7\text{T}^8$ ,  $-\text{T}^4-\text{N}(\text{T}^{10})-\text{T}^5-\text{H}$ , or  $-\text{T}^4-\text{N}(\text{T}^{10})-\text{T}^5-\text{T}^6$

where

$\text{T}^4$  is  $-\text{C}(\text{O})-$ ;

$\text{T}^5$  is  $-\text{alkylene-O}-$ ;

$\text{T}^6$  is alkyl;

$\text{T}^7$  and  $\text{T}^8$  are independently H, alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, (aryl)alkyl (optionally substituted as described in the definition of  $\text{R}^4$ ), or heterocyclo (optionally substituted as described in the definition of  $\text{R}^3$  and  $\text{R}^4$  combining to form a heterocyclo ring); and

$T^{10}$  is H;

$Y^1$ ,  $Y^2$  and  $Y^3$  are independently H or  $-OR^{4a}$ ;

$R^1$  is H or alkyl;

$R^2$  is

- 5 (a) heteroaryl (more preferably thiazolyl or oxazolyl) optionally substituted with one to three groups  $T^1$ ,  $T^2$ ,  $T^3$ , preferably including H, alkyl, haloalkyl, halo, heteroaryl, cyano,  $C(O)_tT^6$ ,  $OT^6$ ,  $-T^4NT^7T^8$ ;
- (b) aryl substituted with one to three groups  $T^1$ ,  $T^2$ ,  $T^3$  (preferably including heteroaryl (preferably, imidazolyl, oxazolyl, or thiazolyl any of which may be further optionally substituted), cyano,  $C(O)_tT^6$ ,  $S(O)_tN(T^9)T^6$ , halo alkyl, and haloalkyl); or
- 10 (c) aryl fused to a heterocyclo ring (especially quinolinyl or quinazolinyl bound through the aryl ring) wherein the combined ring system may be optionally substituted with one to three groups  $T^1$ ,  $T^2$ ,  $T^3$  (especially halo, OH,  $OT^6$ , alkyl,  $-CO_tH$ ,  $-CO_tT^6$ , or  $-C(O)NT^7T^8$ );
- 15

$R^3$  is H or optionally substituted alkyl (especially substituted with one or more  $-OH$ , or  $-OT^6$ );

$R^4$  is

- (a) hydrogen;
- 20 (b) (aryl)alkyl where the aryl group is optionally independently substituted with one or more groups  $T^{1a}$ ,  $T^{2a}$ ,  $T^{3a}$  selected from optionally substituted alkyl, halo, cyano, nitro, (hydroxy)alkyl,  $-OH$ ,  $-OT^6$ ,  $-ST^6$ ,  $-CO_tH$ ,  $-CO_tT^6$ ,  $-SO_3H$ ,  $-SO_tT^6$ ,  $-SO_tN(T^9)(T^6)$ ,  $-T^4NT^7T^8$ ,  $-T^4-N(T^{10})-T^5-T^6$ , heterocyclo, or heteroaryl)

25 where

$T^4$  is a bond,  $-SO_2-$ , or  $-C(O)-$ ;

$T^5$  is  $-SO_2-$ , or  $-alkylene-O-$ ;

$T^6$  is alkyl, or cycloalkyl;

$T^7$  and  $T^8$  are independently H or alkyl; and

30  $T^9$  and  $T^{10}$  are hydrogen;

(c) (heteroaryl)alkyl where the heteroaryl group is optionally independently substituted with one or more groups  $T^{1a}$ ,  $T^{2a}$ ,  $T^{3a}$  selected from optionally substituted alkyl, halo, cyano, nitro, oxo, (hydroxy)alkyl,  $-OH$ ,  $-OT^6$ ,  $-ST^6$ ,  $-CO_2H$ ,  $-CO_2T^6$ ,  $-SO_3H$ ,  $-SO_2T^6$ ,  $-SO_2N(T^9)(T^6)$ ,  $-T^4NT^7T^8$ ,  $-T^4-N(T^{10})-T^5-T^6$ , heterocyclo, or heteroaryl)

where

$T^4$  is a bond,  $-SO_2-$ , or  $-C(O)-$ ;

$T^5$  is  $-SO_2-$ , or  $-alkylene-O-$ ;

$T^6$  is alkyl, or cycloalkyl;

$T^7$  and  $T^8$  are independently H or alkyl; and

$T^9$  and  $T^{10}$  are hydrogen;

(d) (heterocyclo)alkyl where the heterocyclo group is optionally independently substituted with one or more groups  $T^{1a}$ ,  $T^{2a}$ ,  $T^{3a}$  selected from optionally substituted alkyl, halo, cyano, nitro, (hydroxy)alkyl,  $-OH$ ,  $-OT^6$ ,  $-ST^6$ ,  $-CO_2H$ ,  $-CO_2T^6$ ,  $-SO_3H$ ,  $-SO_2T^6$ ,  $-T^4NT^7T^8$ ,  $-T^4-N(T^{10})-T^5-T^6$ , heterocyclo, or heteroaryl)

where

$T^4$  is a bond,  $-SO_2-$ , or  $-C(O)-$ ;

$T^5$  is  $-SO_2-$ , or  $-alkylene-O-$ ;

$T^6$  is alkyl, or cycloalkyl;

$T^7$  and  $T^8$  are independently H or alkyl; and

$T^9$  and  $T^{10}$  are hydrogen;

(e) alkyl optionally independently substituted with one or more groups  $T^{1a}$ ,  $T^{2a}$ ,  $T^{3a}$  selected from  $-OH$ ,  $-OT^6$ ,  $-CO_2H$ ,  $-CO_2T^6$ ,  $-T^4NT^7T^8$  or  $-T^4-N(T^{10})-T^5-T^6$

where

$T^4$  is a bond;

$T^5$  is  $-CO-$ ;

$T^6$  is alkyl;

$T^7$  and  $T^8$  are independently H or alkyl; and

$T^{10}$  is hydrogen;

(f) heterocyclo optionally independently substituted with one or more groups  $T^{1a}$ ,  $T^{2a}$ ,  $T^{3a}$  selected from optionally substituted alkyl (especially substituted with  $-T^4NT^7T^8$ ), optionally substituted aryl (especially substituted with halogen or haloalkyl), cyano,  $-OH$ ,  $-OT^6$ ,  $-CO_2H$ ,  $-CO_2T^6$ , oxo,  
 5 hydroxy(alkyl), (alkoxy)alkyl,  $-T^4-N(T^{10})-T^5-T^6$ , or  $-T^4-NT^7T^8$ )

where

$T^4$  is a bond or  $-C(O)-$ ;

$T^5$  is  $-C(O)-$ ,  $-SO_2-$ , or  $-alkylene-C(O)O-$ ;

$T^6$  is alkyl, alkoxy, or heteroaryl;

10  $T^7$  and  $T^8$  are independently H, alkyl, or cycloalkyl;

or  $T^7$  and  $T^8$  together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached combine to form a an optionally substituted heterocyclo ring;

or  $R^3$  and  $R^4$  together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached combine to form  
 15 a heterocyclo ring selected from pyrrolidinyl, piperadinyl, piperazinyl, morpholinyl, diazapanyl or 1,4-dioxo-8-azaspiro[4.5]decan-8-yl), any of which are optionally independently substituted with one to three groups  $T^{1a}$ ,  $T^{2a}$ ,  $T^{3a}$  selected from optionally substituted alkyl (especially substituted with  $-T^4NT^7T^8$ ), optionally substituted aryl (especially substituted with halogen or haloalkyl),  
 20 cyano,  $-OH$ ,  $-OT^6$ ,  $-CO_2H$ ,  $-CO_2T^6$ , oxo, hydroxy(alkyl), (alkoxy)alkyl,  $-T^4-N(T^{10})-T^5-T^6$ , or  $-T^4-NT^7T^8$ )

where

$T^4$  is a bond or  $-C(O)-$ ;

$T^5$  is  $-C(O)-$ ,  $-SO_2-$ , or  $-alkylene-C(O)O-$ ;

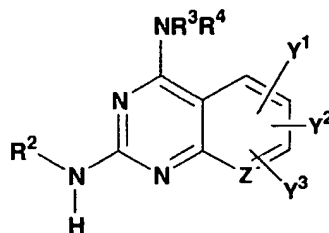
25  $T^6$  is alkyl, alkoxy, or heteroaryl;

$T^7$  and  $T^8$  are independently H, alkyl, or cycloalkyl;

or  $T^7$  and  $T^8$  together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached combine to form a an optionally substituted heterocyclo ring;

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Preferred compounds of the present invention include compounds of Formula (II),

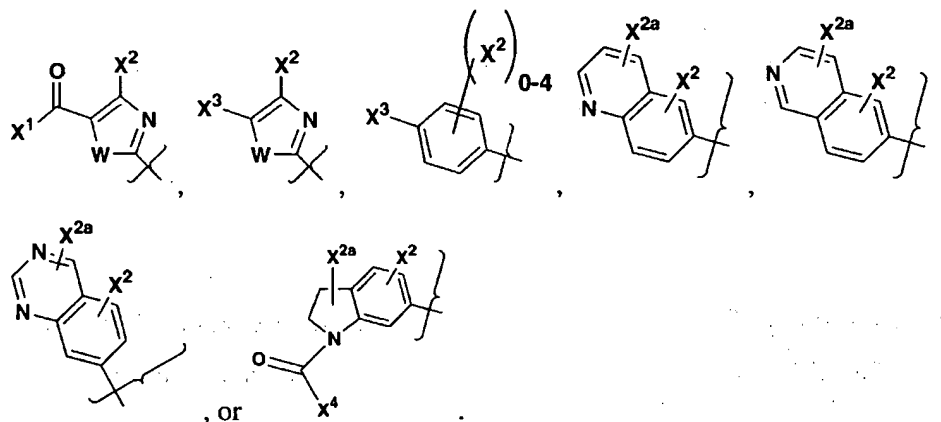


II

where:

$R^3$ ,  $R^4$ ,  $Y^1$ ,  $Y^2$ ,  $Y^3$  and  $Z$  are as described above (including preferred groups);

$R^2$  is



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wherein:

$W$  is O or S, more preferably S;

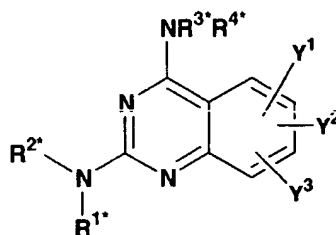
$X^1$  is  $NHT^8$  or  $OT^6$ ;

15  $X^2$  and  $X^{2a}$  are independently hydrogen, halo,  $OT^6$ , alkyl, or haloalkyl;

$X^3$  is heteroaryl (preferably, pyrimidinyl, imidazolyl, oxazolyl, or thiazolyl any of which may be further optionally substituted), cyano,  $C(O)_tT^6$ , or  $S(O)_tNT^7T^8$ ; and

$X^4$  is alkyl, haloalkyl,  $NHT^8$  or  $OT^6$ .

20 Compounds within the scope of the Formulas I and II include dual PDE7-PDE4 inhibitors of the following Formula III:



III

wherein

5 R<sup>1\*</sup> is H or alkyl;

R<sup>2\*</sup> is optionally substituted heteroaryl;

R<sup>3\*</sup> is H or alkyl;

R<sup>4\*</sup> is optionally substituted (aryl)alkyl; and

Y<sup>1</sup>, Y<sup>2</sup> and Y<sup>3</sup> are each H.

10 Preferred compounds within Formula III are those wherein:

R<sup>1\*</sup> is H;

R<sup>2\*</sup> is thiazolyl, oxazolyl, or isoxazolyl (preferably thiazolyl) any of which may be optionally substituted (preferably with one or more alkyl, or alkoxy carbonyl groups);

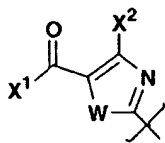
15 R<sup>3\*</sup> is H; and

R<sup>4\*</sup> is optionally substituted (phenyl)alkyl, (preferably substituted with one or more group of the formula -SO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>5</sup> where R<sup>5</sup> is alkyl, amino, alkylamino or dialkylamino).

More preferred compounds within Formula III are those wherein

20 R<sup>1\*</sup> is H;

R<sup>2\*</sup> is



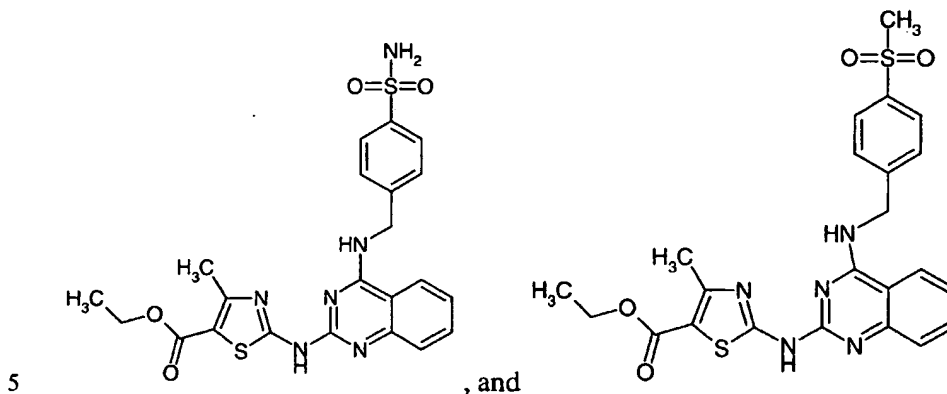
where W is O or S (preferably S), X<sup>1</sup> is alkoxy, and X<sup>2</sup> is alkyl;

R<sup>3\*</sup> is H;



$R^{4*}$  is (phenyl)alkyl substituted with one or more group of the formula  $-SO_2R^5$  where  $R^5$  is amino or alkyl; and  
 $Y^1$ ,  $Y^2$  and  $Y^3$  are each H.

Preferred compounds within the scope of Formula IV include:



The following are definitions of the terms as used throughout this specification and claims. The initial definition provided for a group or term herein applies to that group or term throughout the present specification, individually or as part of another group, unless otherwise indicated.

The terms "alk" or "alkyl" refer to straight or branched chain hydrocarbon groups having 1 to 12 carbon atoms, preferably 1 to 8 carbon atoms, such as methyl, ethyl, n-propyl, i-propyl, n-butyl, i-butyl, t-butyl, pentyl, hexyl, heptyl, octyl, etc. Lower alkyl groups, that is, alkyl groups of 1 to 6 carbon atoms, are generally most preferred.

The term "substituted alkyl" refers to alkyl groups substituted with one or more groups listed in the definition of  $T^1$ ,  $T^2$  and  $T^3$ , preferably selected from halo, cyano, O- $R_7$ , S- $R_7$ ,  $NR_8R_9$ , nitro, cycloalkyl, substituted cycloalkyl, oxo, aryl, substituted aryl, heterocyclo, heteroaryl,  $CO_2R_7$ ,  $S(O)R_7$ ,  $SO_2R_7$ ,  $SO_3R_7$ ,  $SO_2NR_8R_9$ ,  $C(O)NR_8R_9$ ,  $C(O)alkyl$ , and  $C(O)H$ .

The term "alkylene" refers to a straight chain bridge of 1 to 4 carbon atoms connected by single bonds (e.g.,  $-(CH_2)_x-$  wherein x is 1 to 5), which may be substituted with one or more groups listed in the definition of  $T^1$ ,  $T^2$  and  $T^3$ .

The term "alkenyl" refers to straight or branched chain hydrocarbon groups having 2 to 12 carbon atoms, preferably 2 to 4 carbon atoms, and at least one double carbon to carbon bond (either cis or trans), such as ethenyl.

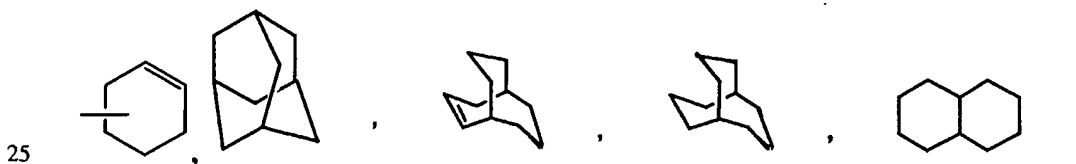
The term "substituted alkenyl" refers to an alkenyl group as defined above substituted with one or more groups listed in the definition of T<sup>1</sup>, T<sup>2</sup> and T<sup>3</sup>, preferably selected from halo, cyano, O-R<sub>7</sub>, S-R<sub>7</sub>, NR<sub>8</sub>R<sub>9</sub>, nitro, cycloalkyl, substituted cycloalkyl, oxo, aryl, substituted aryl, heterocyclo, heteroaryl, CO<sub>2</sub>R<sub>7</sub>, S(O)R<sub>7</sub>, SO<sub>2</sub>R<sub>7</sub>, SO<sub>3</sub>R<sub>7</sub>, SO<sub>2</sub>NR<sub>8</sub>R<sub>9</sub>, C(O)NR<sub>8</sub>R<sub>9</sub>, C(O)alkyl, and C(O)H.

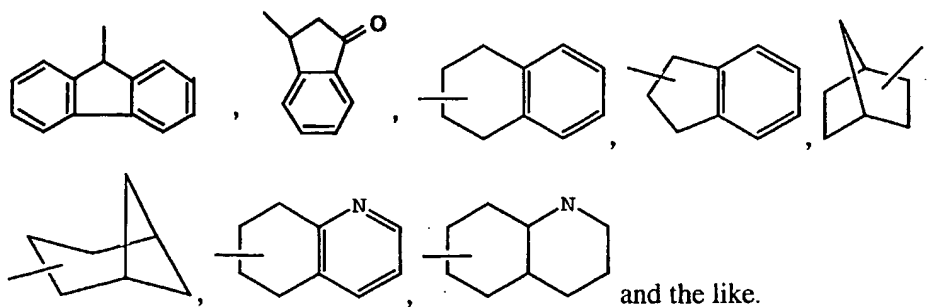
The term "alkynyl" refers to straight or branched chain hydrocarbon group having 2 to 12 carbon atoms and one, two or three triple bonds, preferably 2 to 6 carbon atoms and one triple bond.

The term "substituted alkynyl" refers to an alkynyl group as defined above substituted with one or more groups listed in the definition of T<sup>1</sup>, T<sup>2</sup> and T<sup>3</sup>, preferably selected from halo, cyano, O-R<sub>7</sub>, S-R<sub>7</sub>, NR<sub>8</sub>R<sub>9</sub>, nitro, cycloalkyl, substituted cycloalkyl, oxo, aryl, substituted aryl, heterocyclo, heteroaryl, CO<sub>2</sub>R<sub>7</sub>, S(O)R<sub>7</sub>, SO<sub>2</sub>R<sub>7</sub>, SO<sub>3</sub>R<sub>7</sub>, SO<sub>2</sub>NR<sub>8</sub>R<sub>9</sub>, C(O)NR<sub>8</sub>R<sub>9</sub>, C(O)alkyl, and C(O)H.

The term "halo" refers to chloro, bromo, fluoro, and iodo.

The term "cycloalkyl" refers to saturated and partially unsaturated (containing 1 or 2 double bonds) cyclic hydrocarbon groups containing 1 to 3 rings, including monocyclicalkyl, bicyclicalkyl and tricyclicalkyl, containing a total of 3 to 20 carbons forming the rings, preferably 3 to 7 carbons, forming the ring and which may be fused to 1 or 2 aromatic or heterocyclo rings, which include cyclopropyl, cyclobutyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl, cycloheptyl, cyclooctyl, cyclodecyl, cyclododecyl, cyclohexenyl,



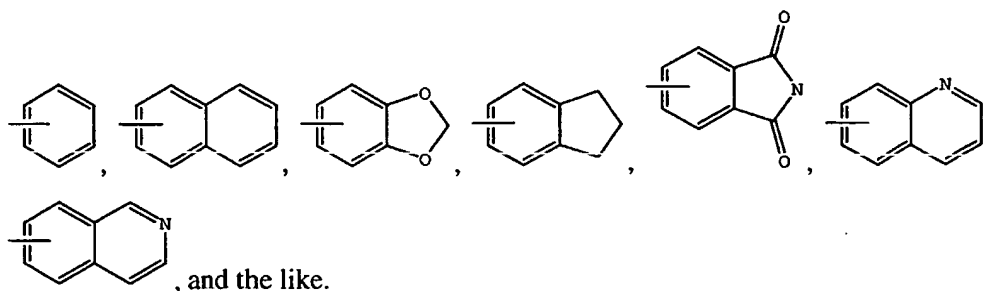


The term "substituted cycloalkyl" refers to such cycloalkyl group as defined above substituted with one or more groups listed in the definition of T<sup>1</sup>, T<sup>2</sup> and T<sup>3</sup>, preferably

5 selected from halogen, nitro, alkyl, substituted alkyl, alkenyl, cyano, cycloalkyl, substituted cycloalkyl, aryl, substituted aryl, heterocyclo, heteroaryl, oxo, OR<sub>7</sub>, CO<sub>2</sub>R<sub>7</sub>, C(O)NR<sub>8</sub>R<sub>9</sub>, OC(O)R<sub>7</sub>, OC(O)OR<sub>7</sub>, OC(O)NR<sub>8</sub>R<sub>9</sub>, OCH<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>2</sub>R<sub>7</sub>, C(O)R<sub>7</sub>, NR<sub>8</sub>R<sub>9</sub>, NR<sub>10</sub>C(O)R<sub>7</sub>, NR<sub>10</sub>C(O)OR<sub>7</sub>, NR<sub>10</sub>C(O)C(O)OR<sub>7</sub>, NR<sub>10</sub>C(O)C(O)NR<sub>8</sub>R<sub>9</sub>, NR<sub>10</sub>C(O)C(O)alkyl, NR<sub>10</sub>C(NCN)OR<sub>7</sub>, NR<sub>10</sub>C(O)NR<sub>8</sub>R<sub>9</sub>, NR<sub>10</sub>C(NCN)NR<sub>8</sub>R<sub>9</sub>,  
10 NR<sub>10</sub>C(NR<sub>11</sub>)NR<sub>8</sub>R<sub>9</sub>, NR<sub>10</sub>SO<sub>2</sub>NR<sub>8</sub>R<sub>9</sub>, NR<sub>10</sub>SO<sub>2</sub>R<sub>7</sub>, SR<sub>7</sub>, S(O)R<sub>7</sub>, SO<sub>2</sub>R<sub>7</sub>, SO<sub>3</sub>R<sub>7</sub>, SO<sub>2</sub>NR<sub>8</sub>R<sub>9</sub>, NHOR<sub>7</sub>, NR<sub>10</sub>NR<sub>8</sub>R<sub>9</sub>, N(COR<sub>7</sub>)OR<sub>10</sub>, N(CO<sub>2</sub>R<sub>7</sub>)OR<sub>10</sub>, C(O)NR<sub>10</sub>(CR<sub>12</sub>R<sub>13</sub>)<sub>r</sub>R<sub>7</sub>, CO(CR<sub>12</sub>R<sub>13</sub>)pO(CR<sub>14</sub>R<sub>15</sub>)qCO<sub>2</sub>R<sub>7</sub>, CO(CR<sub>12</sub>R<sub>13</sub>)<sub>r</sub>OR<sub>7</sub>, CO(CR<sub>12</sub>R<sub>13</sub>)pO(CR<sub>14</sub>R<sub>15</sub>)qR<sub>7</sub>, CO(CR<sub>12</sub>R<sub>13</sub>)<sub>r</sub>NR<sub>8</sub>R<sub>9</sub>, OC(O)O(CR<sub>12</sub>R<sub>13</sub>)<sub>m</sub>NR<sub>8</sub>R<sub>9</sub>, OC(O)N(CR<sub>12</sub>R<sub>13</sub>)<sub>r</sub>R<sub>7</sub>, O(CR<sub>12</sub>R<sub>13</sub>)<sub>m</sub>NR<sub>8</sub>R<sub>9</sub>, NR<sub>10</sub>C(O)(CR<sub>12</sub>R<sub>13</sub>)<sub>r</sub>R<sub>7</sub>,  
15 NR<sub>10</sub>C(O)(CR<sub>12</sub>R<sub>13</sub>)<sub>r</sub>OR<sub>7</sub>, NR<sub>10</sub>C(=NC)(CR<sub>12</sub>R<sub>13</sub>)<sub>r</sub>R<sub>7</sub>, NR<sub>10</sub>CO(CR<sub>12</sub>R<sub>13</sub>)<sub>r</sub>NR<sub>8</sub>R<sub>9</sub>, NR<sub>10</sub>(CR<sub>12</sub>R<sub>13</sub>)<sub>m</sub>OR<sub>7</sub>, NR<sub>10</sub>(CR<sub>12</sub>R<sub>13</sub>)<sub>r</sub>CO<sub>2</sub>R<sub>7</sub>, NR<sub>10</sub>(CR<sub>12</sub>R<sub>13</sub>)<sub>m</sub>NR<sub>8</sub>R<sub>9</sub>, NR<sub>10</sub>(CR<sub>12</sub>R<sub>13</sub>)<sub>n</sub>SO<sub>2</sub>(CR<sub>14</sub>R<sub>15</sub>)qR<sub>7</sub>, CONR<sub>10</sub>(CR<sub>12</sub>R<sub>13</sub>)<sub>n</sub>SO<sub>2</sub>(CR<sub>14</sub>R<sub>15</sub>)qR<sub>7</sub>, SO<sub>2</sub>NR<sub>10</sub>(CR<sub>12</sub>R<sub>13</sub>)<sub>n</sub>CO(CR<sub>14</sub>R<sub>15</sub>)qR<sub>7</sub>, and SO<sub>2</sub>NR<sub>10</sub>(CR<sub>12</sub>R<sub>13</sub>)<sub>m</sub>OR<sub>7</sub>.

The terms "ar" or "aryl" refer to aromatic homocyclic (i.e., hydrocarbon)

20 mono-, bi- or tricyclic ring-containing groups preferably having 6 to 12 members such as phenyl, naphthyl and biphenyl, as well as such rings fused to a cycloalkyl, cycloalkenyl, heterocyclo, or heteroaryl ring. Examples include:



The term "substituted aryl" refers to such aryl groups as defined above substituted

5 with one or more groups listed in the definition of  $T^1$ ,  $T^2$  and  $T^3$ , preferably selected from halogen, nitro, alkyl, substituted alkyl, alkenyl, cyano, cycloalkyl, substituted cycloalkyl, aryl, substituted aryl, heterocyclo, heteroaryl,  $OR_7$ ,  $CO_2R_7$ ,  $C(O)NR_8R_9$ ,  $OC(O)R_7$ ,  $OC(O)OR_7$ ,  $OC(O)NR_8R_9$ ,  $OCH_2CO_2R_7$ ,  $C(O)R_7$ ,  $NR_8R_9$ ,  $NR_{10}C(O)R_7$ ,  $NR_{10}C(O)OR_7$ ,  $NR_{10}C(O)C(O)OR_7$ ,  $NR_{10}C(O)C(O)NR_8R_9$ ,  $NR_{10}C(O)C(O)alkyl$ ,  $NR_{10}C(NCN)OR_7$ ,

10  $NR_{10}C(O)NR_8R_9$ ,  $NR_{10}C(NCN)NR_8R_9$ ,  $NR_{10}C(NR_{11})NR_8R_9$ ,  $NR_{10}SO_2NR_8R_9$ ,  $NR_{10}SO_2R_7$ ,  $SR_7$ ,  $S(O)R_7$ ,  $SO_2R_7$ ,  $SO_3R_7$ ,  $SO_2NR_8R_9$ ,  $NHOR_7$ ,  $NR_{10}NR_8R_9$ ,  $N(COR_7)OR_{10}$ ,  $N(CO_2R_7)OR_{10}$ ,  $C(O)NR_{10}(CR_{12}R_{13})_rR_7$ ,  $CO(CR_{12}R_{13})pO(CR_{14}R_{15})qCO_2R_7$ ,  $CO(CR_{12}R_{13})rOR_7$ ,  $CO(CR_{12}R_{13})pO(CR_{14}R_{15})qR_7$ ,  $CO(CR_{12}R_{13})rNR_8R_9$ ,  $OC(O)O(CR_{12}R_{13})mNR_8R_9$ ,  $OC(O)N(CR_{12}R_{13})rR_7$ ,

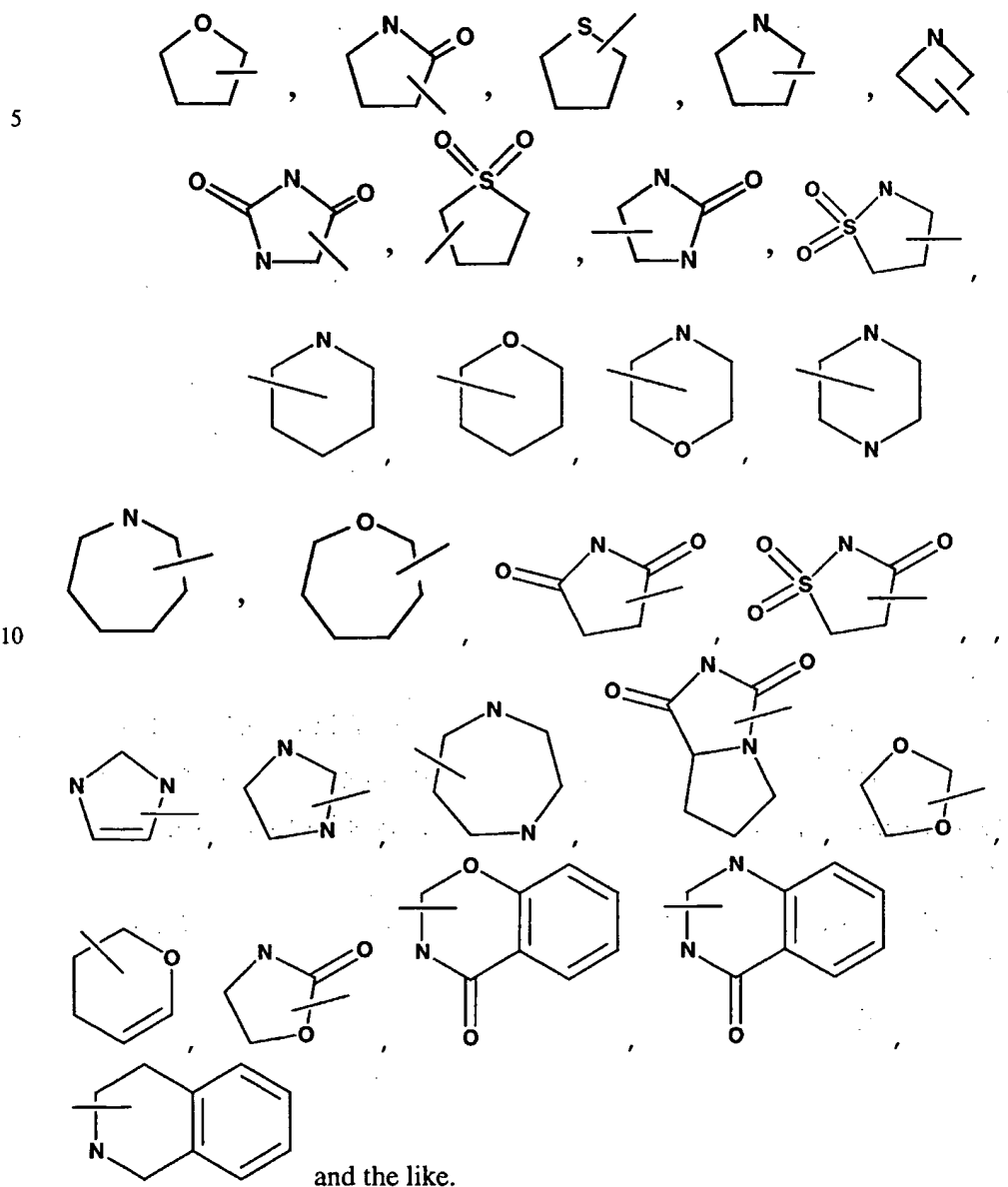
15  $O(CR_{12}R_{13})mNR_8R_9$ ,  $NR_{10}C(O)(CR_{12}R_{13})rR_7$ ,  $NR_{10}C(O)(CR_{12}R_{13})rOR_7$ ,  $NR_{10}C(=NC)(CR_{12}R_{13})rR_7$ ,  $NR_{10}CO(CR_{12}R_{13})rNR_8R_9$ ,  $NR_{10}(CR_{12}R_{13})mOR_7$ ,  $NR_{10}(CR_{12}R_{13})rCO_2R_7$ ,  $NR_{10}(CR_{12}R_{13})mNR_8R_9$ ,  $NR_{10}(CR_{12}R_{13})nSO_2(CR_{14}R_{15})qR_7$ ,  $CONR_{10}(CR_{12}R_{13})nSO_2(CR_{14}R_{15})qR_7$ ,  $SO_2NR_{10}(CR_{12}R_{13})nCO(CR_{14}R_{15})qR_7$ , and  $SO_2NR_{10}(CR_{12}R_{13})mOR_7$  as well as

20 pentafluorophenyl.

The terms "heterocycle", "heterocyclic", "heterocyclic group" or "heterocyclo" refer to fully saturated or partially unsaturated cyclic groups (for example, 3 to 13 member monocyclic, 7 to 17 member bicyclic, or 10 to 20 member tricyclic ring systems, preferably containing a total of 3 to 10 ring atoms) which have at least one heteroatom in

25 at least one carbon atom-containing ring. Each ring of the heterocyclic group containing a heteroatom may have 1, 2, 3 or 4 heteroatoms selected from nitrogen atoms, oxygen atoms and/or sulfur atoms, where the nitrogen and sulfur heteroatoms may optionally be

oxidized and the nitrogen heteroatoms may optionally be quaternized. The heterocyclic group may be attached at any heteroatom or carbon atom of the ring or ring system. The rings of multi-ring heterocycles may be either fused, bridged and/or joined through one or more spiro unions. Exemplary heterocyclic groups include



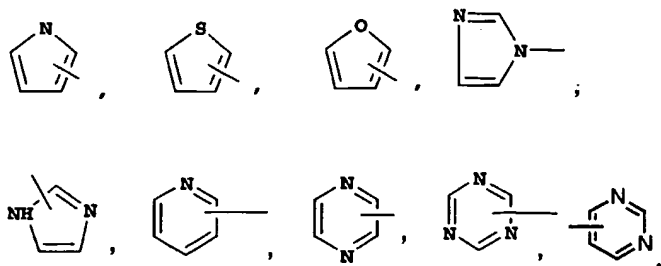
15           The terms “substituted heterocycle” or “substituted heterocyclo” and the like refer to such heterocyclo groups as defined above substituted with one or more groups listed in

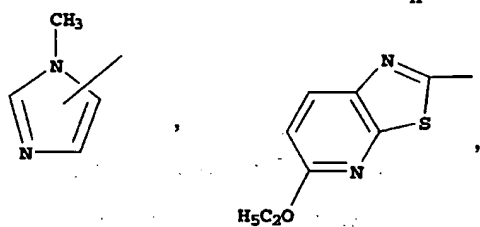
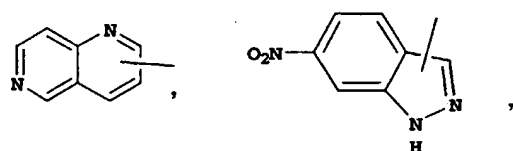
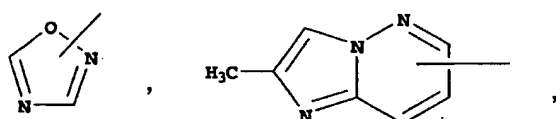
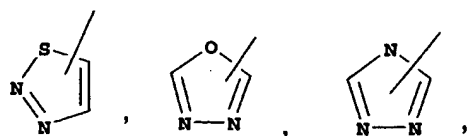
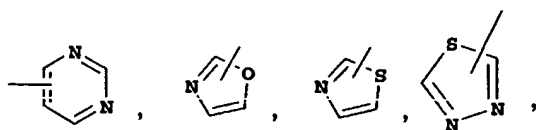
- the definition of  $T^1$ ,  $T^2$  and  $T^3$ , preferably selected from halogen, nitro, alkyl, substituted alkyl, alkenyl, cyano, cycloalkyl, substituted cycloalkyl, aryl, substituted aryl, heterocyclo, heteroaryl, oxo,  $OR_7$ ,  $CO_2R_7$ ,  $C(O)NR_8R_9$ ,  $OC(O)R_7$ ,  $OC(O)OR_7$ ,  $OC(O)NR_8R_9$ ,  $OCH_2CO_2R_7$ ,  $C(O)R_7$ ,  $NR_8R_9$ ,  $NR_{10}C(O)R_7$ ,  $NR_{10}C(O)OR_7$ ,
- 5  $NR_{10}C(O)C(O)OR_7$ ,  $NR_{10}C(O)C(O)NR_8R_9$ ,  $NR_{10}C(O)C(O)alkyl$ ,  $NR_{10}C(NCN)OR_7$ ,  $NR_{10}C(O)NR_8R_9$ ,  $NR_{10}C(NCN)NR_8R_9$ ,  $NR_{10}C(NR_{11})NR_8R_9$ ,  $NR_{10}SO_2NR_8R_9$ ,  $NR_{10}SO_2R_7$ ,  $SR_7$ ,  $S(O)R_7$ ,  $SO_2R_7$ ,  $SO_3R_7$ ,  $SO_2NR_8R_9$ ,  $NHOR_7$ ,  $NR_{10}NR_8R_9$ ,  $N(COR_7)OR_{10}$ ,  $N(CO_2R_7)OR_{10}$ ,  $C(O)NR_{10}(CR_{12}R_{13})_rR_7$ ,  $CO(CR_{12}R_{13})pO(CR_{14}R_{15})qCO_2R_7$ ,  $CO(CR_{12}R_{13})rOR_7$ ,  $CO(CR_{12}R_{13})pO(CR_{14}R_{15})qR_7$ ,
- 10  $CO(CR_{12}R_{13})rNR_8R_9$ ,  $OC(O)O(CR_{12}R_{13})mNR_8R_9$ ,  $OC(O)N(CR_{12}R_{13})rR_7$ ,  $O(CR_{12}R_{13})mNR_8R_9$ ,  $NR_{10}C(O)(CR_{12}R_{13})rR_7$ ,  $NR_{10}C(O)(CR_{12}R_{13})rOR_7$ ,  $NR_{10}C(=NC)(CR_{12}R_{13})rR_7$ ,  $NR_{10}CO(CR_{12}R_{13})rNR_8R_9$ ,  $NR_{10}(CR_{12}R_{13})mOR_7$ ,  $NR_{10}(CR_{12}R_{13})rCO_2R_7$ ,  $NR_{10}(CR_{12}R_{13})mNR_8R_9$ ,  $NR_{10}(CR_{12}R_{13})nSO_2(CR_{14}R_{15})qR_7$ ,  $CONR_{10}(CR_{12}R_{13})nSO_2(CR_{14}R_{15})qR_7$ ,
- 15  $SO_2NR_{10}(CR_{12}R_{13})nCO(CR_{14}R_{15})qR_7$ , and  $SO_2NR_{10}(CR_{12}R_{13})mOR_7$ .

The term "heteroaryl" as used herein alone or as part of another group refers to a 5- 6- or 7- membered aromatic rings containing from 1 to 4 nitrogen atoms and/or 1 or 2 oxygen or sulfur atoms provided that the ring contains at least 1 carbon atom and no more than 4 heteroatoms. The heteroaryl ring is linked through an available carbon or nitrogen atom.

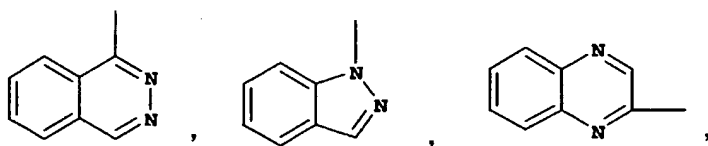
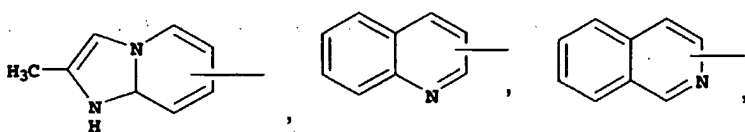
20 Also included within the definition of heteroaryl are such rings fused to a cycloalkyl, aryl, cycloheteroalkyl, or another heteroaryl ring. One, two, or three available carbon or nitrogen atoms in the heteroaryl ring can be optionally substituted with substituents listed in the description of  $T_1$ ,  $T_2$  and  $T_3$ . Also an available nitrogen or sulfur atom in the heteroaryl ring can be oxidized. Examples of heteroaryl rings include

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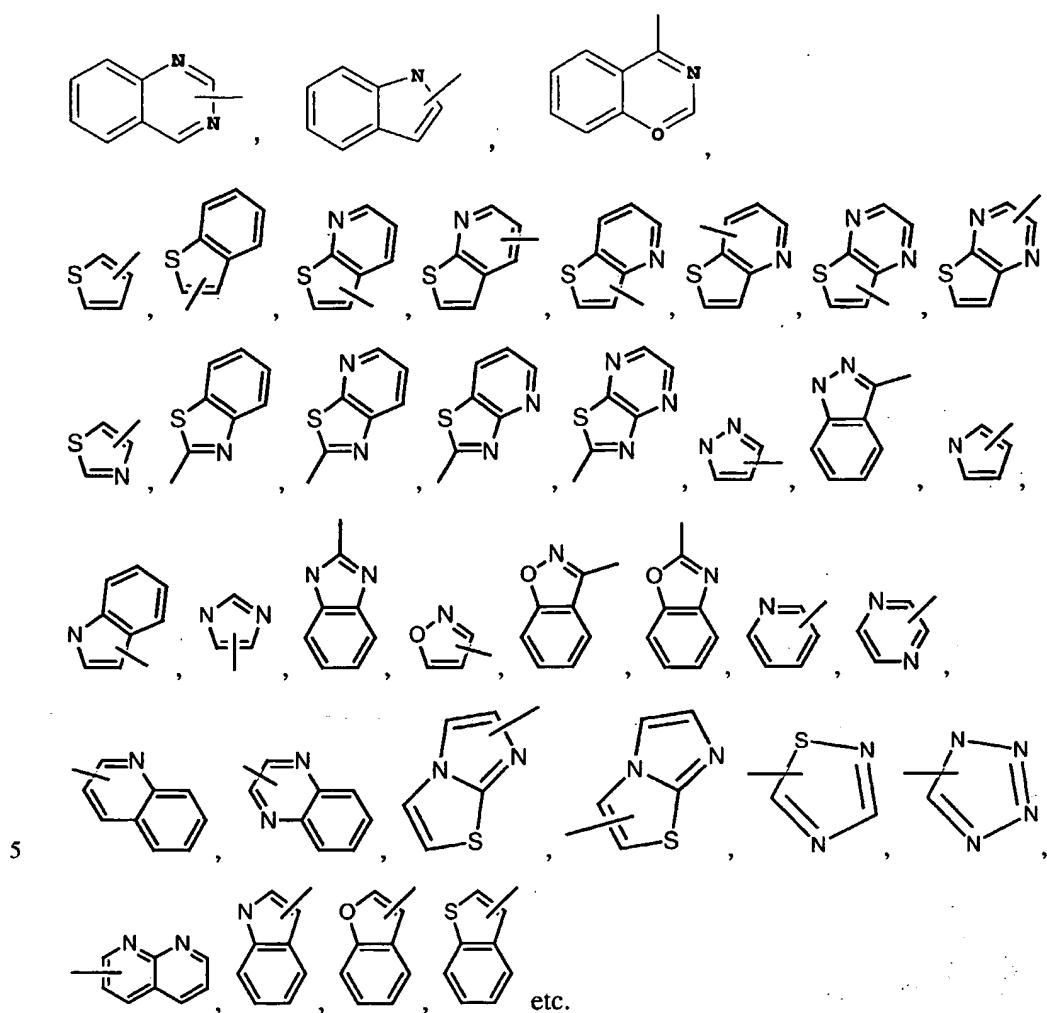




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The term "substituted heteroaryl" refers to such heteroaryl groups as defined above substituted on any available atom with one or more groups listed in the definition of T<sup>1</sup>, T<sup>2</sup> and T<sup>3</sup>, preferably selected from" refers to such heterocyclo groups as defined above substituted with one or more groups listed in the definition of T<sup>1</sup>, T<sup>2</sup> and T<sup>3</sup>, preferably selected from halogen, nitro, alkyl, substituted alkyl, alkenyl, cyano, cycloalkyl, substituted cycloalkyl, aryl, substituted aryl, heterocyclo, heteroaryl, OR<sub>7</sub>, CO<sub>2</sub>R<sub>7</sub>, C(O)NR<sub>8</sub>R<sub>9</sub>, OC(O)R<sub>7</sub>, OC(O)OR<sub>7</sub>, OC(O)NR<sub>8</sub>R<sub>9</sub>, OCH<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>2</sub>R<sub>7</sub>, C(O)R<sub>7</sub>, NR<sub>8</sub>R<sub>9</sub>, NR<sub>10</sub>C(O)R<sub>7</sub>, NR<sub>10</sub>C(O)OR<sub>7</sub>, NR<sub>10</sub>C(O)C(O)OR<sub>7</sub>, NR<sub>10</sub>C(O)C(O)NR<sub>8</sub>R<sub>9</sub>, NR<sub>10</sub>C(O)C(O)alkyl, NR<sub>10</sub>C(NCN)OR<sub>7</sub>, NR<sub>10</sub>C(O)NR<sub>8</sub>R<sub>9</sub>, NR<sub>10</sub>C(NCN)NR<sub>8</sub>R<sub>9</sub>, NR<sub>10</sub>C(NR<sub>11</sub>)NR<sub>8</sub>R<sub>9</sub>, NR<sub>10</sub>SO<sub>2</sub>NR<sub>8</sub>R<sub>9</sub>, NR<sub>10</sub>SO<sub>2</sub>R<sub>7</sub>, SR<sub>7</sub>, S(O)R<sub>7</sub>, SO<sub>2</sub>R<sub>7</sub>, SO<sub>3</sub>R<sub>7</sub>, SO<sub>2</sub>NR<sub>8</sub>R<sub>9</sub>, NHOR<sub>7</sub>, NR<sub>10</sub>NR<sub>8</sub>R<sub>9</sub>, N(COR<sub>7</sub>)OR<sub>10</sub>, N(CO<sub>2</sub>R<sub>7</sub>)OR<sub>10</sub>,



- $C(O)NR_{10}(CR_{12}R_{13})_rR_7$ ,  $CO(CR_{12}R_{13})_pO(CR_{14}R_{15})_qCO_2R_7$ ,  $CO(CR_{12}R_{13})_rOR_7$ ,  
 $CO(CR_{12}R_{13})_pO(CR_{14}R_{15})_qR_7$ ,  $CO(CR_{12}R_{13})_rNR_8R_9$ ,  $OC(O)O(CR_{12}R_{13})_mNR_8R_9$ ,  
 $OC(O)N(CR_{12}R_{13})_rR_7$ ,  $O(CR_{12}R_{13})_mNR_8R_9$ ,  $NR_{10}C(O)(CR_{12}R_{13})_rR_7$ ,  
 $NR_{10}C(O)(CR_{12}R_{13})_rOR_7$ ,  $NR_{10}C(=NC)(CR_{12}R_{13})_rR_7$ ,  $NR_{10}CO(CR_{12}R_{13})_rNR_8R_9$ ,  
5  $NR_{10}(CR_{12}R_{13})_mOR_7$ ,  $NR_{10}(CR_{12}R_{13})_rCO_2R_7$ ,  $NR_{10}(CR_{12}R_{13})_mNR_8R_9$ ,  
 $NR_{10}(CR_{12}R_{13})_nSO_2(CR_{14}R_{15})_qR_7$ ,  $CONR_{10}(CR_{12}R_{13})_nSO_2(CR_{14}R_{15})_qR_7$ ,  
 $SO_2NR_{10}(CR_{12}R_{13})_nCO(CR_{14}R_{15})_qR_7$ , and  $SO_2NR_{10}(CR_{12}R_{13})_mOR_7$ .

- $R_7$ ,  $R_{10}$ , and  $R_{11}$ , are independently selected from the group consisting of  
hydrogen, alkyl, substituted alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, cycloalkyl, substituted cycloalkyl,  
10  $C(O)$ alkyl,  $C(O)$ substituted alkyl,  $C(O)$ cycloalkyl,  $C(O)$  substituted cycloalkyl,  $C(O)$ aryl,  
 $C(O)$ substituted aryl,  $C(O)$ Oalkyl,  $C(O)$ Osubstituted alkyl,  $C(O)$ heterocyclo,  
 $C(O)$ heteroaryl, aryl, substituted aryl, heterocyclo and heteroaryl.

- $R_8$  and  $R_9$  are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen,  
alkyl, substituted alkyl, cycloalkyl, substituted cycloalkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl,  $C(O)$ alkyl,  
15  $C(O)$ substituted alkyl,  $C(O)$ cycloalkyl,  $C(O)$ substituted cycloalkyl,  $C(O)$ aryl,  
 $C(O)$ substituted aryl,  $C(O)$ Oalkyl,  $C(O)$ Osubstituted alkyl,  $C(O)$ heterocyclo,  
 $C(O)$ heteroaryl,  $S(O)_2$ alkyl,  $S(O)_2$ substituted alkyl,  $S(O)_2$ cycloalkyl,  $S(O)_2$ substituted  
cycloalkyl,  $S(O)_2$ aryl,  $S(O)_2$ substituted aryl,  $S(O)_2$ heterocyclo,  $S(O)_2$ heteroaryl, aryl,  
substituted aryl, heterocyclo, and heteroaryl or  $R_8$  and  $R_9$  taken together with the nitrogen  
20 atom to which they are attached complete a heterocyclo or heteroaryl ring.

$R_{12}$  and  $R_{14}$  are independently selected from hydrogen and alkyl or 1 to 4 carbons.

$R_{13}$  and  $R_{15}$  are independently selected from hydrogen, alkyl of 1 to 4 carbons,  
and substituted alkyl or 1 to 4 carbons.

$n$  is zero or an integer from 1 to 4.

- 25  $m$  is an integer from 2 to 6.

$p$  is an integer from 1 to 3.

$q$  is zero or an integer from 1 to 3.

$r$  is zero or an integer from 1 to 6.

$T^1$ ,  $T^2$ , and  $T^3$  are each independently

- 30 (1) hydrogen or  $T^6$ , where  $T^6$  is

- (i) alkyl, (hydroxy)alkyl, (alkoxy)alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, cycloalkyl, (cycloalkyl)alkyl, cycloalkenyl, (cycloalkenyl)alkyl, aryl, (aryl)alkyl, heterocyclo, (heterocylco)alkyl, heteroaryl, or (heteroaryl)alkyl;
- 5 (ii) a group (i) which is itself substituted by one or more of the same or different groups (i); or
- (iii) a group (i) or (ii) which is independently substituted by one or more (preferably 1 to 3) of the following groups (2) to (13) of the definition of  $T^1$ ,  $T^2$  and  $T^3$ ;

- 10 (2)  $-OH$  or  $-OT^6$ ,  
 (3)  $-SH$  or  $-ST^6$ ,  
 (4)  $-C(O)_tH$ ,  $-C(O)_tT^6$ , or  $-O-C(O)T^6$ , where  $t$  is 1 or 2;  
 (5)  $-SO_3H$ ,  $-S(O)_tT^6$ , or  $S(O)_tN(T^9)T^6$ ,  
 (6) halo,  
 15 (7) cyano,  
 (8) nitro,  
 (9)  $-T^4-NT^7T^8$ ,  
 (10)  $-T^4-N(T^9)-T^5-NT^7T^8$ ,  
 (11)  $-T^4-N(T^{10})-T^5-T^6$ ,  
 20 (12)  $-T^4-N(T^{10})-T^5-H$ ,  
 (13) oxo,

$T^4$  and  $T^5$  are each independently

- (1) a single bond,  
 (2)  $-T^{11}-S(O)_r-T^{12}-$ ,  
 25 (3)  $-T^{11}-C(O)-T^{12}-$ ,  
 (4)  $-T^{11}-C(S)-T^{12}-$ ,  
 (5)  $-T^{11}-O-T^{12}-$ ,  
 (6)  $-T^{11}-S-T^{12}-$ ,  
 (7)  $-T^{11}-O-C(O)-T^{12}-$ ,  
 30 (8)  $-T^{11}-C(O)-O-T^{12}-$ ,  
 (9)  $-T^{11}-C(=NT^{9a})-T^{12}-$ , or



$T^7, T^8, T^9, T^{9a}$  and  $T^{10}$

(1) are each independently hydrogen or a group provided in the definition of  $T^6$ ,  
or

5 (2)  $T^7$  and  $T^8$  may together be alkylene or alkenylene, completing a 3- to 8-membered saturated or unsaturated ring together with the atoms to which they are attached, which ring is unsubstituted or substituted with one or more groups listed in the description of  $T^1, T^2$  and  $T^3$ , or

(3)  $T^7$  or  $T^8$ , together with  $T^9$ , may be alkylene or alkenylene completing a 3- to  
10 8-membered saturated or unsaturated ring together with the nitrogen atoms to which they are attached, which ring is unsubstituted or substituted with one or more groups listed in the description of  $T^1, T^2$  and  $T^3$ , or

(4)  $T^7$  and  $T^8$  or  $T^9$  and  $T^{10}$  together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached may combine to form a group  $-N=CT^{13}T^{14}$  where  $T^{13}$  and  $T^{14}$  are each  
15 independently H or a group provided in the definition of  $T^6$ ; and

$T^{11}$  and  $T^{12}$  are each independently

- (1) a single bond,
- (2) alkylene,
- (3) alkenylene, or
- 20 (4) alkynylene.

"T cell-mediated diseases" refers to any disorder or disease state in which modulation of the activity of T cells is implicated in a process which results in either a pathophysiological state or a process where the normal function of T cells is intended to be suppressed for therapeutic benefit. Examples of T cell mediated disorders include  
25 transplant rejection, graft versus host disease, and autoimmune disorders, such as rheumatoid arthritis, multiple sclerosis, juvenile diabetes, asthma, and inflammatory bowel disease, T-cell mediated hypersensitivity diseases, ischemic or reperfusion injury, and T-cell proliferative disorders.

PDE7 inhibitors in accordance with the present invention are employed,  
30 typically in the form of a pharmaceutical composition including a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier for the treatment of T-cell mediated disease. The compounds

employed for this purpose are typically administered in an amount from about 0.01 to 100 mg/kg/day.

The pharmaceutical compositions comprising at least one PDE7 inhibitor may be formulated, for example, by employing conventional solid or liquid vehicles or diluents, as well as pharmaceutical additives of a type appropriate to the mode of desired administration (for example, excipients, binders, preservatives, stabilizers, flavors, etc.) according to techniques such as those well known in the art of pharmaceutical formulation.

The PDE7 inhibitors may be administered by any suitable means, for example, orally, such as in the form of tablets, capsules, granules or powders; sublingually; buccally; parenterally, such as by subcutaneous, intravenous, intramuscular, or intrasternal injection or infusion techniques (e.g., as sterile injectable aqueous or non-aqueous solutions or suspensions); nasally such as by inhalation spray; topically, such as in the form of a cream or ointment; or rectally such as in the form of suppositories; in dosage unit formulations containing non-toxic, pharmaceutically acceptable vehicles or diluents. The present compounds may, for example, be administered in a form suitable for immediate release or extended release. Immediate release or extended release may be achieved by the use of suitable pharmaceutical compositions comprising the present compounds, or, particularly in the case of extended release, by the use of devices such as subcutaneous implants or osmotic pumps. The present compounds may also be administered in the form of liposomes.

Exemplary compositions for oral administration include suspensions which may contain, for example, microcrystalline cellulose for imparting bulk, alginic acid or sodium alginate as a suspending agent, methylcellulose as a viscosity enhancer, and sweeteners or flavoring agents such as those known in the art; and immediate release tablets which may contain, for example, microcrystalline cellulose, dicalcium phosphate, starch, magnesium stearate and/or lactose and/or other excipients, binders, extenders, disintegrants, diluents and lubricants such as those known in the art. The present compounds may also be delivered through the oral cavity by sublingual and/or buccal administration. Molded tablets, compressed tablets or freeze-dried tablets are exemplary forms which may be used. Exemplary compositions include those formulating the

present compound(s) with fast dissolving diluents such as mannitol, lactose, sucrose and/or cyclodextrins. Also included in such formulations may be high molecular weight excipients such as celluloses (avicel) or polyethylene glycols (PEG). Such formulations may also include an excipient to aid mucosal adhesion such as hydroxy propyl cellulose (HPC), hydroxy propyl methyl cellulose (HPMC), sodium carboxy methyl cellulose (SCMC), maleic anhydride copolymer (e.g., Gantrez), and agents to control release such as polyacrylic copolymer (e.g., Carbopol 934). Lubricants, glidants, flavors, coloring agents and stabilizers may also be added for ease of fabrication and use.

Exemplary compositions for nasal aerosol or inhalation administration include solutions in saline which may contain, for example, benzyl alcohol or other suitable preservatives, absorption promoters to enhance bioavailability, and/or other solubilizing or dispersing agents such as those known in the art.

Exemplary compositions for parenteral administration include injectable solutions or suspensions which may contain, for example, suitable non-toxic, parenterally acceptable diluents or solvents, such as mannitol, 1,3-butanediol, water, Ringer's solution, an isotonic sodium chloride solution, or other suitable dispersing or wetting and suspending agents, including synthetic mono- or diglycerides, and fatty acids, including oleic acid.

Exemplary compositions for rectal administration include suppositories which may contain, for example, a suitable non-irritating excipient, such as cocoa butter, synthetic glyceride esters or polyethylene glycols, which are solid at ordinary temperatures, but liquefy and/or dissolve in the rectal cavity to release the drug.

Exemplary compositions for topical administration include a topical carrier such as Plastibase (mineral oil gelled with polyethylene).

The effective amount of a compound employed in the present invention may be determined by one of ordinary skill in the art, and includes exemplary dosage amounts for an adult human of from about 0.01 to 100 mg/kg of body weight of active compound per day, which may be administered in a single dose or in the form of individual divided doses, such as from 1 to 4 times per day. It will be understood that the specific dose level and frequency of dosage for any particular subject may be varied and will depend upon a variety of factors including the activity of the specific compound employed, the

metabolic stability and length of action of that compound, the species, age, body weight, general health, sex and diet of the subject, the mode and time of administration, rate of excretion, drug combination, and severity of the particular condition. Preferred subjects for treatment include animals, most preferably mammalian species such as humans, and  
5 domestic animals such as dogs, cats and the like, subject to inflammatory, immunological, or respiratory cell-associated disorders.

PDE7 inhibitors for use in the treatment of various T-cell mediated diseases are those covered by Formula I

10 Compounds of Formula I include salts, prodrugs and solvates. The term "salt(s)", as employed herein, denotes acidic and/or basic salts formed with inorganic and/or organic acids and bases. Zwitterions (internal or inner salts) are included within the term "salt(s)" as used herein (and may be formed, for example, where the R substituents comprise an acid moiety such as a carboxyl group). Also included herein are  
15 quaternary ammonium salts such as alkylammonium salts. Pharmaceutically acceptable (i.e., non-toxic, physiologically acceptable) salts are preferred, although other salts are useful, for example, in isolation or purification steps which may be employed during preparation. Salts of the compounds of the formula I may be formed, for example, by reacting a compound I with an amount of acid or base, such as an equivalent amount, in a  
20 medium such as one in which the salt precipitates or in an aqueous medium followed by lyophilization.

Exemplary acid addition salts include acetates (such as those formed with acetic acid or trihaloacetic acid, for example, trifluoroacetic acid), adipates, alginates,  
25 ascorbates, aspartates, benzoates, benzenesulfonates, bisulfates, borates, butyrates, citrates, camphorates, camphorsulfonates, cyclopentanepropionates, digluconates, dodecylsulfates, ethanesulfonates, fumarates, glucoheptanoates, glycerophosphates, hemisulfates, heptanoates, hexanoates, hydrochlorides, hydrobromides, hydroiodides, 2-hydroxyethanesulfonates, lactates, maleates, methanesulfonates,  
30 2-naphthalenesulfonates, nicotines, nitrates, oxalates, pectinates, persulfates, 3-phenylpropionates, phosphates, picrates, pivalates, propionates, salicylates, succinates,

sulfates (such as those formed with sulfuric acid), sulfonates (such as those mentioned herein), tartrates, thiocyanates, toluenesulfonates, undecanoates, and the like.

Exemplary basic salts (formed, for example, where the R substituents comprise  
5 an acidic moiety such as a carboxyl group) include ammonium salts, alkali metal salts  
such as sodium, lithium, and potassium salts, alkaline earth metal salts such as calcium  
and magnesium salts, salts with organic bases (for example, organic amines) such as  
benzathines, dicyclohexylamines, hydrabamines, N-methyl-D-glucamines, N-methyl-D-  
glucamides, t-butyl amines, and salts with amino acids such as arginine, lysine and the  
10 like. The basic nitrogen-containing groups may be quaternized with agents such as lower  
alkyl halides (e.g. methyl, ethyl, propyl, and butyl chlorides, bromides and iodides),  
dialkyl sulfates (e.g. dimethyl, diethyl, dibutyl, and diamyl sulfates), long chain halides  
(e.g. decyl, lauryl, myristyl and stearyl chlorides, bromides and iodides), aralkyl halides  
(e.g. benzyl and phenethyl bromides), and others.

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Prodrugs and solvates of the compounds of the invention are also contemplated  
herein. The term "prodrug", as employed herein, denotes a compound which, upon  
administration to a subject, undergoes chemical conversion by metabolic or chemical  
processes to yield a compound of the Formula I, or a salt and/or solvate thereof. Solvates  
20 of the compounds of Formula I are preferably hydrates.

All stereoisomers of the present compounds, such as those which may exist  
due to asymmetric carbons on the R substituents of the compound of the formula I,  
including enantiomeric and diastereomeric forms, are contemplated within the scope of  
25 this invention. Individual stereoisomers of the compounds of the invention may, for  
example, be substantially free of other isomers, or may be admixed, for example, as  
racemates or with all other, or other selected, stereoisomers. The chiral centers of the  
present invention can have the S or R configuration as defined by the IUPAC 1974  
Recommendations.

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The compounds of Formula I are typically employed as part of a pharmaceutical composition including a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier for the treatment of respiratory and non-respiratory diseases. The compounds employed for this purpose are typically administered in an amount of from about 0.01 to 100 mg/kg/day.

- 5 The compounds of Formula I are especially effective in inhibiting the PDE7 enzyme. Additionally a subset of compounds are also effective at inhibiting PDE4.

The pharmaceutical composition comprising at least one compound of Formula I may be formulated, for example, by employing conventional solid or liquid vehicles or  
10 diluents, as well as pharmaceutical additives of a type appropriate to the mode of desired administration (for example, excipients, binders, preservatives, stabilizers, flavors, etc.) according to techniques such as those well known in the art of pharmaceutical formulation.

- 15 The compounds of Formula I may be administered by any suitable means, for example, orally, such as in the form of tablets, capsules, granules or powders; sublingually; buccally; parenterally, such as by subcutaneous, intravenous, intramuscular, or intrasternal injection or infusion techniques (e.g., as sterile injectable aqueous or non-aqueous solutions or suspensions); nasally such as by inhalation spray; topically, such as  
20 in the form of a cream or ointment; or rectally such as in the form of suppositories; in dosage unit formulations containing non-toxic, pharmaceutically acceptable vehicles or diluents. The present compounds may be based for immediate release or extended release by the use of suitable pharmaceutical compositions comprising the present compounds, or, particularly in the case of extended release, by the use of devices such as  
25 subcutaneous implants or osmotic pumps. The present compounds may also be administered liposomally.

Exemplary compositions for oral administration include suspensions which may contain, for example, microcrystalline cellulose for imparting bulk, alginic acid or  
30 sodium alginate as a suspending agent, methylcellulose as a viscosity enhancer, and sweeteners or flavoring agents such as those known in the art; and immediate release



tablets which may contain, for example, microcrystalline cellulose, dicalcium phosphate, starch, magnesium stearate and/or lactose and/or other excipients, binders, extenders, disintegrants, diluents and lubricants such as those known in the art. The present compounds may also be delivered through the oral cavity by sublingual and/or buccal  
5 administration. Molded tablets, compressed tablets or freeze-dried tablets are exemplary forms which may be used. Exemplary compositions include those formulating the present compound(s) with fast dissolving diluents such as mannitol, lactose, sucrose and/or cyclodextrins. Also included in such formulations may be high molecular weight excipients such as celluloses (avicel) or polyethylene glycols (PEG). Such formulations  
10 may also include an excipient to aid mucosal adhesion such as hydroxy propyl cellulose (HPC), hydroxy propyl methyl cellulose (HPMC), sodium carboxy methyl cellulose (SCMC), maleic anhydride copolymer (e.g., Gantrez), and agents to control release such as polyacrylic copolymer (e.g., Carbopol 934). Lubricants, glidants, flavors, coloring agents and stabilizers may also be added for ease of fabrication and use.

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Exemplary compositions for nasal aerosol or inhalation administration include solutions in saline which may contain, for example, benzyl alcohol or other suitable preservatives, absorption promoters to enhance bioavailability, and/or other solubilizing or dispersing agents such as those known in the art.

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Exemplary compositions for parenteral administration include injectable solutions or suspensions which may contain, for example, suitable non-toxic, parenterally acceptable diluents or solvents, such as mannitol, 1,3-butanediol, water, Ringer's solution, an isotonic sodium chloride solution, or other suitable dispersing or wetting and  
25 suspending agents, including synthetic mono- or diglycerides, and fatty acids, including oleic acid.

Exemplary compositions for rectal administration include suppositories which may contain, for example, a suitable non-irritating excipient, such as cocoa butter,  
30 synthetic glyceride esters or polyethylene glycols, which are solid at ordinary temperatures, but liquefy and/or dissolve in the rectal cavity to release the drug.

Exemplary compositions for topical administration include a topical carrier such as Plastibase (mineral oil gelled with polyethylene).

5           The effective amount of a compound of the present invention may be determined by one of ordinary skill in the art, and includes exemplary dosage amounts for an adult human from about 0.01 to 100 mg/kg of body weight of active compound per day, which may be administered in a single dose or in the form of individual divided doses, such as from 1 to 4 times per day. It will be understood that the specific dose level  
10           and frequency of dosage for any particular subject may be varied and will depend upon a variety of factors including the activity of the specific compound employed, the metabolic stability and length of action of that compound, the species, age, body weight, general health, sex and diet of the subject, the mode and time of administration, rate of excretion, drug combination, and severity of the particular condition. Preferred subjects  
15           for treatment include animals, most preferably mammalian species such as humans, and domestic animals such as dogs, cats and the like, subject to leukocyte activation or respiratory cell-associated disorders.

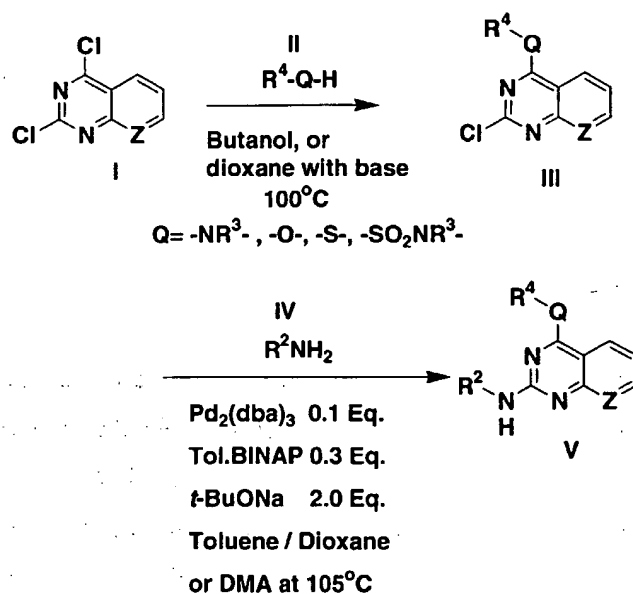
#### **Methods of Preparation**

20           Compounds of Formula I may be prepared by reference to the methods illustrated in Schemes A and B. As shown therein the end product is a compound having the same structural formula as Formula I. It will be understood that any compound of Formula I may be produced by Scheme A by the suitable selection of appropriate substitution.  
25           Solvents, temperatures, pressures, and other reaction conditions may readily be selected by one of ordinary skill in the art. All documents cited are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety. Starting materials are commercially available or readily prepared by one of ordinary skill in the art. Constituents of compounds are as defined herein or elsewhere in the specification.

30           Scheme A outlines the synthesis of compounds of Formula I. Compound I is readily available by several methods well known in the literature including the method of

Curd et. al. (Z = CH) reported in *J. Chem. Soc.* **1948**, 1759-1765, and the method of Robins et. al. (Z = N) reported in *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1955**, 77, 2256-2259. Compound I is treated with reagent II, which may be an or an amine, alcohol, a thiol or a sulfonamide in the presence of a suitable base to provide intermediate III. Palladium catalyzed additions of amines to aryl and heteroaryl halides are a recent addition to organic methodology which greatly simplify or permit the synthesis of compounds for which there was no satisfactory synthetic approach. For example see Wolfe, et. al in *Acc. Chem. Res.* 1998, 31, 803-818, and Wolfe, et. al. in *J. Org. Chem.* 2000, 65, 1158-1174. Use of this new "Buchwald-Hartwig amination" methodology allowed the conversion of III under palladium-catalysed coupling conditions in the presence of an amine IV to provide compound V, which is a compound of formula I.

### Scheme A



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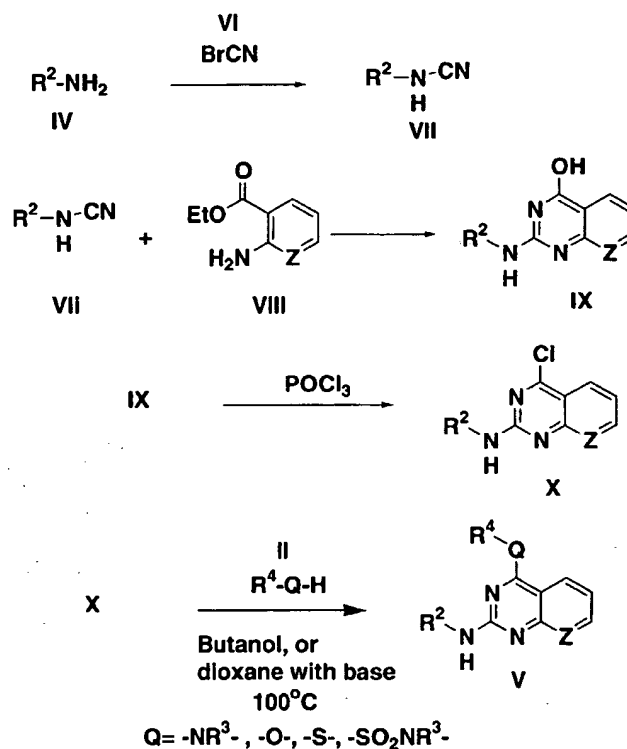
An alternative synthesis of compound V, illustrated in Scheme B starts by condensation (for example of such condensations see Rajasekharan, et. al. *Indian J. Chem Sect. B*, **1983**, 22, 76-77) of an anthranilic acid ester, or 2- aminonicotinic acid (VIII) which are either commercially available or readily prepared by a number of

methods, with a cyanamide (VII) which is readily prepared by reaction of an amine (IV) with cyanogen bromide (VI) according to methods reported in the literature (for example see Joshua, et. al. *J. Indian. Chem. Soc.* **1961**, 38, 979-987) to produce compound (IX).

Treatment of (IX) with phosphorous oxychloride with or without the addition of a base such as Hunig's base or N,N-dimethylaniline provides compound (X) which is a compound of Formula I. Compound (X) can react with a variety of nucleophiles under conventional heating or microwave heating to provide compound (V) which is also a compound of Formula I.

### Scheme B

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### Utility

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Selective PDE7 inhibitors or dual PDE7-PDE4 inhibitors including compounds of formulas I, are useful in the treatment (including prevention, partial alleviation or cure) of leukocyte activation-associated disorders, which include (but are not limited to) disorders such as: transplant rejection (such as organ transplant, acute transplant, xenotransplant or

heterograft or homograft such as is employed in burn treatment); protection from ischemic or reperfusion injury such as ischemic or reperfusion injury incurred during organ transplantation, myocardial infarction, stroke or other causes; transplantation tolerance induction; arthritis (such as rheumatoid arthritis, psoriatic arthritis or osteoarthritis); multiple sclerosis; respiratory and pulmonary diseases including but not limited to asthma, exercise induced asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), emphysema, bronchitis, and acute respiratory distress syndrome (ARDS); inflammatory bowel disease, including ulcerative colitis and Crohn's disease; lupus (systemic lupus erythematosus); graft vs. host disease; T-cell mediated hypersensitivity diseases, including contact hypersensitivity, delayed-type hypersensitivity, and gluten-sensitive enteropathy (Celiac disease); psoriasis; contact dermatitis (including that due to poison ivy); Hashimoto's thyroiditis; Sjogren's syndrome; Autoimmune Hyperthyroidism, such as Graves' Disease; Addison's disease (autoimmune disease of the adrenal glands); Autoimmune polyglandular disease (also known as autoimmune polyglandular syndrome); autoimmune alopecia; pernicious anemia; vitiligo; autoimmune hypopituitarism; Guillain-Barre syndrome; other autoimmune diseases; glomerulonephritis; serum sickness; urticaria; allergic diseases such as respiratory allergies (e.g., asthma, hayfever, allergic rhinitis) or skin allergies; scleroderma; mycosis fungoides; acute inflammatory and respiratory responses (such as acute respiratory distress syndrome and ischemia/reperfusion injury); dermatomyositis; alopecia areata; chronic actinic dermatitis; eczema; Behcet's disease; Pustulosis palmoplantis; Pyoderma gangrenum; Sezary's syndrome; atopic dermatitis; systemic sclerosis; and morphea.

25           The term "leukocyte activation-associated disorder" or "leukocyte activation-mediated disorder" as used herein includes each of the above referenced diseases or disorders. The compounds of the present invention are useful for treating the aforementioned exemplary disorders irrespective of their etiology.

30           Those present compounds which are dual PDE7/4 inhibitors may be more effective than either a selective PDE4 inhibitor or a selective PDE7 inhibitor in the above

mentioned disease states, as a result of either additive or synergistic activity resulting from the combined inhibition of PDE7 and PDE4.

The present invention thus provides methods for the treatment of disorders as  
5 discussed above comprising the step of administering to a subject in need thereof of at least one selective PDE7 inhibitor or at least one dual PDE7-PDE4 inhibitor for the treatment of leukocyte activation-associated or leukocyte-activation mediated disease. Other therapeutic agents such as those described below may be employed with the compounds of the present invention. In the methods of the present invention, such other  
10 therapeutic agent(s) may be administered prior to, simultaneously with or following the administration of the compound(s) of the present invention.

The methods of treating diseases which would benefit from the inhibition of PDE7 or the inhibition of both PDE7-PDE4 by a dual agent may comprise administering compounds  
15 of Formula (I) alone or in combination with each other and/or other suitable therapeutic agents useful in treating such conditions such as: immunosuppressants such as, cyclosporins (e.g., cyclosporin A), anti-IL-1 agents, such as Anakinra, the IL-1 receptor antagonist, CTLA4-Ig, antibodies such as anti-ICAM-3, anti-IL-2 receptor (Anti-Tac), anti-CD45RB, anti-CD2, anti-CD3, anti-CD4, anti-CD80, anti-CD86, monoclonal  
20 antibody OKT3, agents blocking the interaction between CD40 and CD154, such as antibodies specific for CD40 and/or CD154 (i.e., CD40L), fusion proteins constructed from CD40 and CD154 (CD40Ig and CD8-CD154), interferon beta, interferon gamma, methotrexate, FK506 (tacrolimus, Prograf), rapamycin (sirolimus or Rapamune) mycophenolate mofetil, leflunomide (Arava), azathioprine and  
25 cyclophosphamide, inhibitors, such as nuclear translocation inhibitors, of NF-kappa B function, such as deoxyspergualin (DSG), non-steroidal antiinflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) such as ibuprofen, cyclooxygenase-2 (COX-2) inhibitors such as celecoxib (Celebrex) and rofecoxib (Vioxx), or derivatives thereof, steroids such as prednisone or dexamethasone, gold compounds TNF- $\alpha$  inhibitors such as tenidap, anti-TNF antibodies  
30 or soluble TNF receptor such as etanercept (Enbrel), inhibitors of p-38 kinase such as BIRB-796, RO-3201195, VX-850, and VX-750, *beta*-2 agonists such as albuterol,

levalbuterol (Xopenex), and salmeterol (Serevent), inhibitors of leukotriene synthesis such as montelukast (Singulair) and zariflukast (Accolate), and anticholinergic agents such as ipratropium bromide (Atrovent), PDE4 inhibitors such as Arofyline, Cilomilast, Roflumilast, C-11294A, CDC-801, BAY-19-8004, Cipamfyline, SCH351591, YM-976, PD-189659, Mesiopram, Pumafentrine, CDC-998, IC-485, and KW-4490, PDE7 inhibitors such as IC242, (*Lee, et. al. PDE7A is expressed in human B-lymphocytes and is up-regulated by elevation of intracellular cAMP. Cell Signalling, 14, 277-284, (2002)*) and also include compounds disclosed in the following patent documents: WO 0068230, WO 0129049, WO 0132618, WO 0134601, WO 0136425, WO 0174786, WO 0198274, WO 0228847, U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/287,964, and U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/355,141 anti-cytokines such as anti-IL-1 mAb or IL-1 receptor agonist, anti-IL-4 or IL-4 receptor fusion proteins and PTK inhibitors such as those disclosed in the following U.S. Patents and Applications, incorporated herein by reference in their entirety: U.S. Patent No. 6,235,740, U.S. Patent No. 6,239,133, U.S. Application Serial No. 60/065,042, filed 11/10/97 (Attorney Docket No. QA207\*), U.S. Application Serial No. 09/173,413, filed 10/15/98 (Attorney Docket No. QA 207a), and U.S. Patent No. 5,990,109.

See the following documents and references cited therein: Hollenbaugh, D., Douthwright, J., McDonald, V., and Aruffo, A., "Cleavable CD40Ig fusion proteins and the binding to sgp39", *J. Immunol. Methods* (Netherlands), 188(1), p. 1-7 (Dec 15 1995); Hollenbaugh, D., Grosmaire, L.S., Kullas, C.D., Chalupny, N.J., Braeschi-Andersen, S., Noelle, R.J., Stamenkovic, I., Ledbetter, J.A., and Aruffo, A., "The human T cell antigen gp39, a member of the TNF gene family, is a ligand for the CD40 receptor: expression of a soluble form of gp39 with B cell co-stimulatory activity", *EMBO J* (England), 11(12), p. 4313-4321 (Dec 1992); and Moreland, L.W. et al., "Treatment of rheumatoid arthritis with a recombinant human tumor necrosis factor receptor (p75)-Fc fusion protein, *New England J. of Medicine*, 337(3), p. 141-147 (1997).

Compounds present invention (especially selective PDE 7 inhibitors) may also be employed in combination with PDE 4 inhibitors. Examples of selective PDE4 inhibitors currently in development, which can be used in combination with compounds of the present invention include Arofyline, Cilomilast, Roflumilast, C-11294A, CDC-

801, BAY-19-8004, Cipamfylline, SCH351591, YM-976, PD-189659, Mesiopram, Pumafentrine, CDC-998, IC-485, and KW-4490.

The above other therapeutic agents, when employed in combination with the  
5 compounds of the present invention, may be used, for example, in those amounts indicated in the Physicians' Desk Reference (PDR) or as otherwise determined by one of ordinary skill in the art.

Use of the compounds of the present invention as encompassed by formula I in  
10 treating leukocyte activation-associated disorders is exemplified by, but is not limited to, treating a range of disorders such as: transplant (such as organ transplant, acute transplant, xenotransplant or heterograft or homograft (such as is employed in burn treatment)) rejection; protection from ischemic or reperfusion injury such as ischemic or reperfusion injury incurred during organ transplantation, myocardial infarction, stroke or  
15 other causes; transplantation tolerance induction; arthritis (such as rheumatoid arthritis, psoriatic arthritis or osteoarthritis); multiple sclerosis; respiratory and pulmonary diseases including but not limited to asthma, exercise induced asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), emphysema, bronchitis, and acute respiratory distress syndrome (ARDS); inflammatory bowel disease, including ulcerative colitis and Crohn's  
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alopecia areata; chronic actinic dermatitis; eczema; Behcet's disease; Pustulosis palmoplanteris; Pyoderma gangrenum; Sezary's syndrome; atopic dermatitis; systemic sclerosis; and morphea.

The combined activity of the present compounds towards T-cells and other  
5 PDE7-expressing cells may be of value in the treatment of any of the aforementioned disorders. Additionally those present compounds which are dual PDE4/7 inhibitors may be more effective than either a selective PDE4 inhibitor or a selective PDE7 inhibitor in the above mentioned disease states.

In a particular embodiment, the compounds of the present invention are useful  
10 for the treatment of the aforementioned exemplary disorders irrespective of their etiology, for example, for the treatment of transplant rejection, rheumatoid arthritis, multiple sclerosis, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, inflammatory bowel disease, lupus, graft v. host disease, T-cell mediated hypersensitivity disease, psoriasis, Hashimoto's thyroiditis, Guillain-Barre syndrome, cancer, contact dermatitis, allergic disease such as  
15 allergic rhinitis, asthma, ischemic or reperfusion injury, respiratory diseases such as asthma, COPD and bronchitis or atopic dermatitis whether or not associated with leukocyte activation.

#### 20 *PDE- containing cell lysates*

Hut78 cells were grown in 10% FCS in Iscoves Modified Dulbecco's Medium (Gibco BRL-Life Technologies, Grand Island, NY) with antibiotics. Cells were centrifuged and resuspended in four volumes of [40 mM Tris (pH 7.5)/50  $\mu$ M EDTA/200uM PMSF with a cocktail of Protease inhibitors (Boehringer Mannheim,  
25 Indianapolis, IN)] at 4C. Cells were homogenized using a Virtis homogenizer, and the lysate was centrifuged twice for 15 min at 15,000  $\times$  g. Glycerol was added to a final volume of 50% for storage at -20C.

#### *SPA assay*

30 Inhibition of PDE activity in Hut78 cell lysate was determined using an SPA specific for cAMP (Amersham Pharmacia Biotech, Buckinghamshire, UK) according to

the manufacturers instructions with minor modifications. Enzyme assays were performed at room temperature in the presence of 50mM Tris HCl, pH7.5, containing 8.3mM MgCl<sub>2</sub>, 1.7mM EGTA and 0.5mg/mL BSA. Each assay was performed in a 100μL reaction volume in 96 well microtitre plates containing the above buffer, 0.3μl of Hut78 cell lysate treated with 2 μM Zardaverine to inhibit PDE3 and PDE4, 0.05 uCi of [5',8-<sup>3</sup>H] Adenosine 3',5'-cyclic phosphate as an ammonium salt for 20 min. The reaction was terminated by the addition of 50μl PDE SPA beads (1mg) water with 10mM cold cAMP (Sigma, St. Louis MO). The reaction mix was allowed to settle for 20 minutes before counting in a Top Count-NXT scintillation counter (Packard BioScience, Meriden, CT).

For individual PDE enzymes other than PDE7, the assay was essentially unchanged except that <sup>3</sup>H-cyclic GMP was used as the substrate for PDE1, PDE5 and PDE6. The following PDEs/activators and enzyme sources were used: PDE1, bovine (Sigma St Louis), calmodulin; PDE2, rat kidney, cGMP; PDE3, human platelet; PDE4, rat kidney; PDE5, human platelet, and PDE6, bovine retina.

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#### *T cell Proliferation Assay*

Peripheral blood mononuclear cells (PBMC) were isolated from whole blood by density gradient centrifugation over Lymphoprep, 1.077. Cells were plated into 96 well U-bottom plates at 2.5x10<sup>5</sup> cells/well in 10% FBS RPMI 1640 (Life Technologies/Gibco-BRL) containing 10ug/ml anti-CD3 (G19-4, Bristol-Myers Squibb P.R.I., Princeton, NJ) and 1ug/ml anti-CD28 (9.3, Bristol-Myers Squibb P.R.I.) in the presence and absence of inhibitors. DMSO (used as a solvent for inhibitors) was added to the medium at 0.1% final concentration. The total volume per well was 200 μL. Cells were incubated at 37C 5% CO<sub>2</sub> for 3 days, at which time 0.5μCi of <sup>3</sup>H-thymidine was added to each well. Six hours following the addition of <sup>3</sup>H-thmidine, the plates were harvested onto filter plates, 30ul EcoLite scintillant (ICN, Costa Mesa, CA) was added per well, and plates read on a Top Count-NXT scintillation counter.

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#### *TNFα secretion assay*

The ability of compounds to inhibit the production and secretion of TNFα from leukocytes was performed using either PBMC (obtained as described above) or the THP-

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1 cell line as a source of monocytes. Compounds were diluted in RPMI 1640 supplemented with 10% FBS and DMSO at a final concentration of 0.2%. Cells (2x10<sup>5</sup>/well in U-bottom 96 well plates) were pre-incubated with compounds for 30 min at 37 C prior to addition of lipopolysaccharide (LPS) at a final concentration of 6.25 ng/ml in a total volume of 200 µL. After 4h at 37C, 50 µL of supernatant was carefully aspirated for detection of soluble TNFα. Soluble TNFα was detected by ELISA developed by R&D Systems (Minneapolis, MN) according to the manufacturers instructions.

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### Examples

The following examples illustrate preferred embodiments of the present invention and do not limit the scope of the present invention which is defined in the claims. Abbreviations employed in the Examples are defined below. Compounds of the Examples are identified by the example and step in which they are prepared (e.g., "A1.1" denotes the title compound of step 1 of Example A1), or by the example only where the compound is the title compound of the example (for example, "A2" denotes the title compound of Example A2).

### Abbreviations

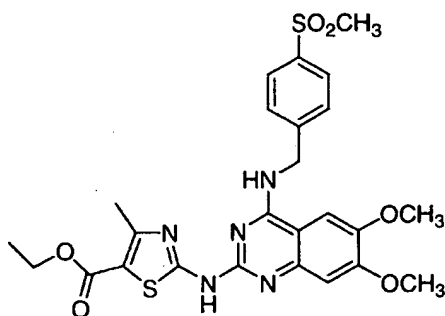
20	Ac	Acetyl
	AcOH	Acetic acid
	aq.	Aqueous
	CDI	Carbonyldiimidazole
	Bn	Benzyl
25	Bu	Butyl
	Boc	tert-butoxycarbonyl
	DIC	1,3-Diisopropyl carbodiimide
	DMAP	Dimethylaminopyridine
	DMA	N,N-Dimethylacetamide
30	DMF	dimethylformamide
	DMSO	Dimethylsulfoxide

	EDC	1-(3-Dimethylaminopropyl)-3-ethylcarbodiimide hydrochloride
	EtOAc	Ethyl acetate
	Et	Ethyl
	EtOH	Ethanol
5	H	Hydrogen
	h	Hours
	<i>i</i>	<i>iso</i>
	HPLC	High pressure liquid chromatography
	HOAc	Acetic acid
10	Lawesson's Reagent	[2,4-bis(4-methoxyphenyl)-1,3-dithia-2,4-diphosphetane-2,4-disulfide
	LC	liquid chromatography
	Me	Methyl
	MeOH	Methanol
15	min.	Minutes
	M <sup>+</sup>	(M+H) <sup>+</sup>
	M <sup>+1</sup>	(M+H) <sup>+</sup>
	MS	Mass spectrometry
	<i>n</i>	<i>normal</i>
20	Pd/C	Palladium on carbon
	Ph	Phenyl
	Pr	Propyl
	Ret Time	Retention time
	rt or RT	Room temperature
25	sat.	Saturated
	S-Tol-BINAP	(S)-(-)-2,2'-Bis(di-p-tolylphosphino)-1,1'-binaphthyl
	TFA	Trifluoroacetic acid
	THF	Tetrahydrofuran
	YMC	YMC Inc, Wilmington, NC 28403

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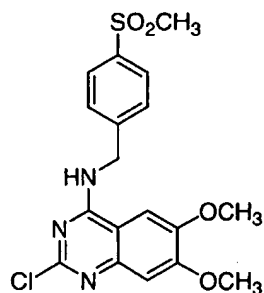
Unless otherwise noted HPLC conditions used to determine retention times; 4 min gradient 0-100%B in A(A; 0.1% TFA in 90/10 water/methanol; B; 0.1%TFA in 10/90 water/methanol) using a YMC turbopack column at 220 nm.

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**Example A1****2-[[6,7-Dimethoxy-4-[[[4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]methyl]amino]-2-quinazolinyl]amino]-4-methyl-5-thiazolecarboxylic acid, ethyl ester****A1**

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A1.1: 2-Chloro-6,7-dimethoxy-4-(4-methylsulfonylbenzyl)quinazoline

**A1.1**

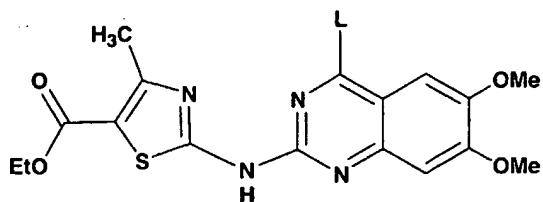
15 A mixture of commercially available 2,4-dichloro-6,7-dimethoxyquinazoline (200 mg, 0.772 mmol, 1 eq), 4-methylsulfonylbenzylamine hydrochloride (180 mg, 0.810 mmol, 1.05 eq) and diisopropylethylamine (0.40 mL, 2.32 mmol, 3 eq) in tetrahydrofuran (7.7 mL) was heated at reflux for 15.25 h. The reaction mixture was then cooled to rt and concentrated in vacuo. The resultant solid was slurried in methanol (10 mL) collected by  
20 filtration, washed with methanol and dried to provide 282 mg (89%) of **A1.1** as an off-white solid. LC/MS: 408 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>; HPLC: 98 % at 3.19 min (Phenomenex 5 μm C18 column 4.6 x 50 mm, 10-90 % aqueous methanol over 4 min containing 0.2% phosphoric

acid, 4 mL/min, monitoring at 254 nm);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ ):  $\delta$  8.98 (m, 1 H), 7.91 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 2 H), 7.69 (s, 1 H), 7.62 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 2 H), 7.11 (s, 1 H), 4.84 (apparent d,  $J = 5.7$  Hz, 2 H), 3.90 (s, 3 H), 3.89 (s, 3 H), 3.19 (s, 3 H).

5 **A1.2: 2-[[[6,7-Dimethoxy-4-[[[4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]methyl]amino]-2-quinazolinyl]amino]-4-methyl-5-thiazolecarboxylic acid, ethyl ester**

To a mixture of **A1.1** (65.4 mg, 0.160 mmol, 1 eq) and ethyl 2-amino-4-methylthiazole-5-carboxylate (59.7 mg, 0.320 mmol, 2 eq) in 1:1 toluene/1,4-dioxane (1.4 mL) in a 2-dram vial was added tris(dibenzylideneacetone)dipalladium(0) (14.6 mg, 0.016 mmol, 0.1 eq), 2-(di-*t*-butylphosphino)biphenyl (14.3 mg, 0.048 mmol, 0.3 eq) and sodium *t*-butoxide (30.7 mg, 0.320 mmol, 2 eq). The vial was purged with  $\text{N}_2$ , sealed and heated in a 105 °C oil bath for 29.5 h. The reaction mixture was cooled to rt, filtered through celite and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was treated with methanol (ca. 1 mL) and the precipitated solid was collected by filtration, washed with methanol and dried to afford 47.6 mg (53%) of **A1** as a tan solid. LC/MS: 558  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ; HPLC: >90 % at 3.27 min (Phenomenex 5  $\mu\text{m}$  C18 column 4.6 x 50 mm, 10-90 % aqueous methanol over 4 min containing 0.2% phosphoric acid, 4 mL/min, monitoring at 254 nm);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ ):  $\delta$  11.43 (s, 1 H), 8.81 (br s, 1 H), 7.88(d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 2 H), 7.71 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 2 H), 7.64 (s, 1 H), 6.93 (s, 1 H), 4.96 (br s, 2 H), 4.23 (q,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 2 H), 3.91 (s, 3 H), 3.87 (s, 3 H), 3.16 (s, 3 H), 1.27 (t,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 3 H).

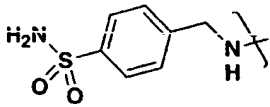
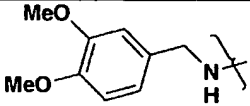
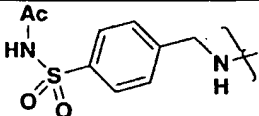
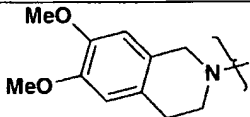
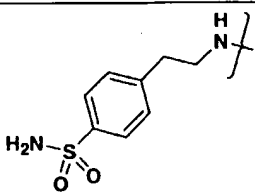
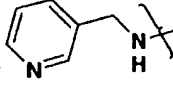
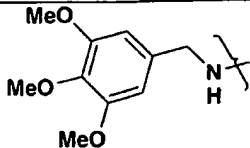
**Example A2-A13**



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Examples A2 to A13 were prepared in a similar manner to that used for Example A1 utilizing the appropriate amines in step A1.1.

**Table A**

Ex.	L	Name	HPLC Retention (min)	MS Reported
A2		2-[[4-[[[4-(Aminosulfonyl)phenyl]methyl]amino]-6,7-dimethoxy-2-quinazoliny]amino]-4-methyl-5-thiazolecarboxylic acid, ethyl ester	3.19	559.08
A3		2-[[4-[[[3,4-Dimethoxyphenyl]methyl]amino]-6,7-dimethoxy-2-quinazoliny]amino]-4-methyl-5-thiazolecarboxylic acid, ethyl ester	3.36	540.27
A4		2-[[4-[[[4-[(Acetylamino)sulfonyl]phenyl]methyl]amino]-6,7-dimethoxy-2-quinazoliny]amino]-4-methyl-5-thiazolecarboxylic acid, ethyl ester	3.33	600.95
A5		2-[[4-(3,4-Dihydro-6,7-dimethoxy-2(1H)-isoquinoliny]-6,7-dimethoxy-2-quinazoliny]amino]-4-methyl-5-thiazolecarboxylic acid, ethyl ester	3.75	566.13
A6		2-[[4-[[2-[4-(Aminosulfonyl)phenyl]ethyl]amino]-6,7-dimethoxy-2-quinazoliny]amino]-4-methyl-5-thiazolecarboxylic acid, ethyl ester	3.11	573.38
A7		2-[[6,7-Dimethoxy-4-[(3-pyridinylmethyl)amino]-2-quinazoliny]amino]-4-methyl-5-thiazolecarboxylic acid, ethyl ester	2.59	481.40
A8		2-[[6,7-Dimethoxy-4-[[[3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl]methyl]amino]-2-quinazoliny]amino]-4-methyl-5-thiazolecarboxylic acid, ethyl ester	3.26	570.42

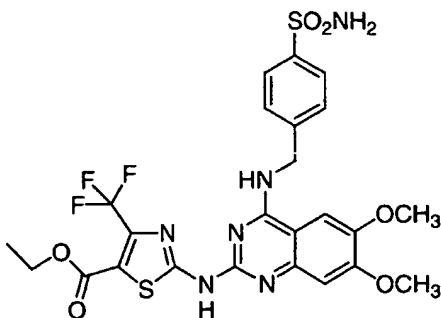
		acid, ethyl ester		
A9		2-[[4-[[2-(3,4-Dimethoxyphenyl)ethyl]amino]-6,7-dimethoxy-2-quinazolinyl]amino]-4-methyl-5-thiazolecarboxylic acid, ethyl ester	3.48	554.40
A10		2-[[6,7-Dimethoxy-4-[(2-pyridinylmethyl)amino]-2-quinazolinyl]amino]-4-methyl-5-thiazolecarboxylic acid, ethyl ester	2.62	481.42
A11		2-[[6,7-Dimethoxy-4-[(4-pyridinylmethyl)amino]-2-quinazolinyl]amino]-4-methyl-5-thiazolecarboxylic acid, ethyl ester	2.57	481.10
A12		2-[[4-[(3,4-Dimethoxyphenyl)amino]-6,7-dimethoxy-2-quinazolinyl]amino]-4-methyl-5-thiazolecarboxylic acid, ethyl ester	3.28	526.32
A13		2-[[6,7-Dimethoxy-4-[(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)amino]-2-quinazolinyl]amino]-4-methyl-5-thiazolecarboxylic acid, ethyl ester	3.27	556.32

**Example A14**

**2-[[4-[[[4-(Aminosulfonyl)phenyl]methyl]amino]-6,7-dimethoxy-2-quinazolinyl]amino]-4-trifluoromethyl-5-thiazolecarboxylic acid, ethyl ester**

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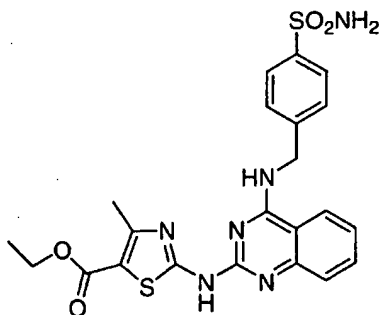
**A14**

**A14** was prepared in a manner analogous to example A1 with the exception that in step A1.1 4-aminosulfonylbenzylamine hydrochloride was substituted for 4-methylsulfonylbenzylamine hydrochloride, and in step A1.2 ethyl 2-amino-4-trifluoromethyl-5-thiazole carboxylate was substituted for ethyl 2-amino-4-methyl-5-thiazole carboxylate. LCMS = Ret. Time = 1.61 min\*,  $M^+ = 613.20$

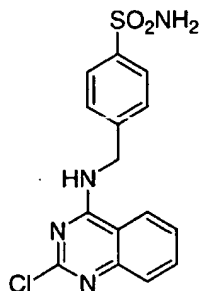
\* HPLC conditions used to determine retention times; 2 min gradient 0-100%B in A(A; 0.1% TFA in 90/10 water/methanol; B; 0.1%TFA in 10/90 water/methanol) using a TMC  
10 turbopack column at 220 nm.

**Example A15**

**2-[[4-[[[4-(Aminosulfonyl)phenyl]methyl]amino]-2-quinazolinyl]amino]-4-methyl-5-thiazolecarboxylic acid, ethyl ester**

**A15**

## A15.1: 2-chloro-4-(4-aminosulfonylbenzyl)quinazoline



## A15.1

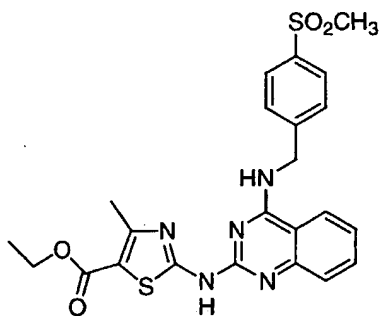
A mixture of 2,4-dichloroquinazoline [prepared from benzoyleneurea and POCl<sub>3</sub> by the method of Butler et al., *J. Chem. Soc.* **1959**, 1512.] (100 mg, 0.502 mmol, 1 eq), 4-aminosulfonylbenzylamine hydrochloride (117.5 mg, 0.527 mmol, 1.05 eq) and diisopropylethylamine (0.26 mL, 1.506 mmol, 3 eq) in absolute ethanol (1.6 mL) was stirred at ambient temperature for 4 h. The precipitated solid was collected by filtration, washed with water and cold ethanol, and dried to afford 154 mg (88%) of 2-chloro-4-(4-aminosulfonylbenzyl)quinazoline as a white solid. LC/MS: 349 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>; HPLC: 96 % at 1.86 min (Primesphere 5 μm C18 column 4.6 x 30 mm, 10-90 % aqueous methanol over 2 min containing 0.2% phosphoric acid, 5 mL/min, monitoring at 254 nm); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ 9.37 (t, *J* = 5.8 Hz, 1 H), 8.32 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1 H), 7.85-7.53 (m, 7 H), 7.32 (s, 2 H), 4.81 (d, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 2 H).

**A15.2: 2-[[4-[[4-(Aminosulfonyl)phenyl]methyl]amino]-2-quinazolinyl]amino]-4-methyl-5-thiazolecarboxylic acid, ethyl ester**

To a mixture of **A15.1** (77 mg, 0.221 mmol, 1 eq) and ethyl 2-amino-4-methylthiazole-5-carboxylate (82 mg, 0.442 mmol, 2 eq) in N,N-dimethylacetamide (2.2 mL) in a 2-dram vial was added tris(dibenzylideneacetone)dipalladium(0) (20.2 mg, 0.022 mmol, 0.1 eq), 2-(di-*t*-butylphosphino)biphenyl (19.8 mg, 0.066 mmol, 0.3 eq) and sodium *t*-butoxide (42.5 mg, 0.442 mmol, 2 eq). The vial was purged with N<sub>2</sub>, sealed and heated in a 105 °C oil bath for 2.25 h. The reaction mixture was cooled to rt, filtered and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was treated with methanol (ca. 1 mL) and the precipitated solid was collected by filtration, washed with methanol and dried to afford

41 mg (37%) of **A15** as a tan solid. LC/MS: 499 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>; HPLC: >95 % at 1.92 min (Primesphere 5  $\mu$ m C18 column 4.6 x 30 mm, 10-90 % aqueous methanol over 2 min containing 0.2% phosphoric acid, 5 mL/min, monitoring at 254 nm); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  11.55 (br s, 1 H), 9.12 (br s, 1 H), 8.23 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1 H), 7.77-7.54 (m, 6 H), 7.36 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1 H), 7.28 (br s, 2 H), 4.93 (br s, 2 H), 4.24 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2 H), 2.50 (coincident with residual DMSO, 3 H), 1.29 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3 H).

#### Example A16

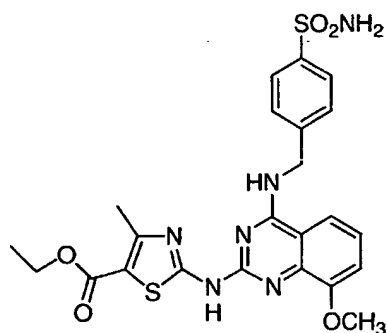
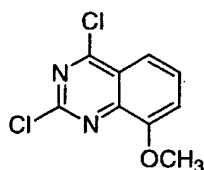


**A16**

**A16** was prepared in a manner analogous to example **A15** with the exception that in step A15.1, 4-methylsulfonylbenzylamine hydrochloride was substituted for 4-aminosulfonylbenzylamine hydrochloride. **A16** was isolated as a tan solid; LC/MS: 498.28 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>; HPLC: >90 % at 1.94 min (Primesphere 5  $\mu$ m C18 column 4.6 x 30 mm, 10-90 % aqueous methanol over 2 min containing 0.2% phosphoric acid, 5 mL/min, monitoring at 254 nm); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  11.60 (br s, 1 H), 9.15 (br s, 1 H), 8.22 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1 H), 7.87 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2 H), 7.74 (m, 3H), 7.55 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1 H), 7.37 (m, 1 H), 4.96 (br s, 2 H), 4.24 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2 H), 3.16 (s, 3 H), 2.50 (coincident with residual DMSO, 3 H), 1.28 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3 H).

#### Example A17

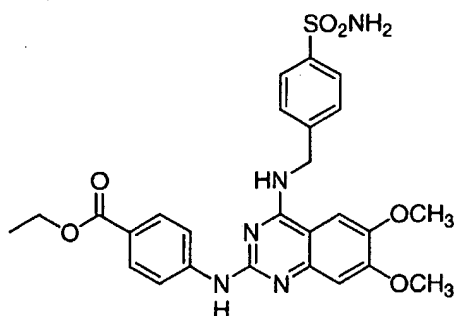
2-[[4-[[[4-(Aminosulfonyl)phenyl]methyl]amino]-8-methoxy-2-quinazolinyl]amino]-4-methyl-5-thiazolecarboxylic acid, ethyl ester

**A17****A17.1: 2,4-Dichloro-8-methoxyquinazoline****A17.1**

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**A17.1** was prepared as described in the literature (Curd, et. al. J. Chem. Soc.; 1948, 1759-1766. **A17** was prepared in an manner analogous to example **A15** starting with quinazoline **A17.1**. **A 17** was isolated as a tan solid; LC/MS: 529.33 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>; HPLC: >95 % at 1.34 min (Xterra 5 μm C18 S5 column 4.6 x 30 mm, 10-90 % aqueous methanol over 2 min containing 0.2% phosphoric acid, 5 mL/min, monitoring at 254 nm).

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**Example A18****4-[[4-[[[4-(Aminosulfonyl)phenyl]methyl]amino]-6,7-dimethoxy-2-quinazolinyl]amino]benzoic acid, ethyl ester****A18**

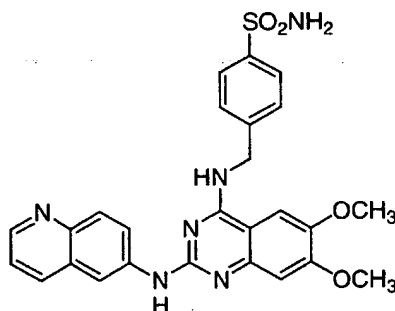
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**A18** was prepared in a manner analogous to example A1 with the exception that in step A1.1 4-aminosulfonylbenzylamine hydrochloride was substituted for 4-methylsulfonylbenzylamine hydrochloride, and in step A1.2 ethyl 4-aminobenzoate was substituted for ethyl 2-amino-4-methyl-5-thiazole carboxylate. The product was purified  
5 by preparatory reverse phase HPLC to yield **A18** in 21% yield. LCMS = Ret. Time = 2.87min\*,  $M^+ = 538.40$ . \* HPLC conditions used to determine retention times; 4 min gradient 0-100%B in A(A; 0.1% TFA in 90/10 water/methanol; B; 0.1%TFA in 10/90 water/methanol) using a YMC ODS S5 column at 220 nm.

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### Example A19

#### 4-[[[6,7-Dimethoxy-2-(6-quinolinylamino)-4-quinazolinyl]amino]methyl]benzenesulfonamide



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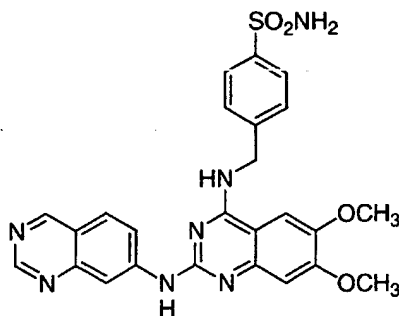
**A19**

**A19** was prepared in a manner analogous to example A1 with the exception that in step A1.1 4-aminosulfonylbenzylamine hydrochloride was substituted for 4-methylsulfonylbenzylamine hydrochloride, and in step A1.2, 6-aminoquinoline was substituted for ethyl 2-amino-4-methyl-5-thiazole carboxylate. The product was purified  
20 by preparatory reverse phase HPLC to yield **A19**. Analytical HPLC ret. time = 1.09 min,  $[M+H]^+ = 517.12$ . HPLC conditions : phenomenex primesphere 5  $\mu$  C18 4.6 x 30 mm column, 5 mL/min, 2 min gradient, at 254 nm 0-100%B in A(A; 0.1% TFA in 90/10 water/methanol; B; 0.1%TFA in 10/90 water/methanol)

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### Example A20

**4-[[[6,7-Dimethoxy-2-(7-quinazolinylamino)-4-quinazolinyl]amino]methyl]benzenesulfonamide**



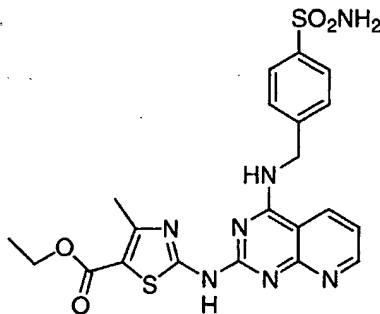
**A20**

5            **A20** was prepared in a manner analogous to example **A1** with the exception that in step A1.1 4-aminosulfonylbenzylamine hydrochloride was substituted for 4-methylsulfonylbenzylamine hydrochloride, and in step A1.2, 7-aminoquinazoline (prepared according to the literature procedure of Naff, et. al. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1951**, 73, 1372-1373.) was substituted for ethyl 2-amino-4-methyl-5-thiazole carboxylate. The product was purified by preparatory reverse phase HPLC to yield **A20**. Analytical HPLC  
10        ret. time = 2.17 min, [M+H]<sup>+</sup> = 518.30. HPLC conditions: YMC ODS 5μ, 5 mL/min, 4 min gradient, at 254 nm 0-100%B in A(A; 0.1% TFA in 90/10 water/methanol; B; 0.1%TFA in 10/90 water/methanol)

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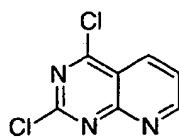
**Example B1**

**2-[[[4-[[[4-(Aminosulfonyl)phenyl]methyl]amino]pyrido[2,3-d]pyrimidin-2-yl]amino]-4-methyl-5-thiazolecarboxylic acid, ethyl ester**



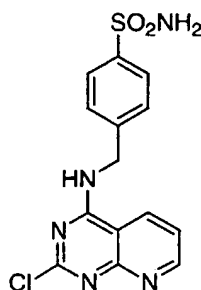
**B1**

20        **B1.1: 2,4-Dichloropyrido[2,3-d]pyrimidine**

**B1.1**

**B1.1** was prepared from commercially available 2-aminonicotinic acid following the procedure reported in the literature (Robins, et. al. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 1955, 77, 2256-2260.)

**B1.2:** 4-[[[4-(Aminosulfonyl)phenyl]methyl]amino]-2-chloropyrido[2,3-d]pyrimidine

**B1.2**

A mixture of **B1.1** (50 mg, 0.250 mmol, 1 eq), 4-aminosulfonylbenzylamine hydrochloride (58.5 mg, 0.262 mmol, 1.05 eq) and diisopropylethylamine (0.13 mL, 0.75 mmol, 3 eq) in absolute ethanol (1 mL) was stirred at rt for 24 h. The reaction mixture was then cooled in an ice/water bath and the solid was collected by filtration, washed with water and cold ethanol and dried to provide 77 mg (88%) of **B1.2** as an off-white solid. LC/MS: 350.31 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>; HPLC: >95 % at 1.01 min (Xterra 5  $\mu$ m C18 column 4.6 x 30 mm, 10-90 % aqueous methanol over 2 min containing 0.2% phosphoric acid, 5 mL/min, monitoring at 254 nm).

**B1.3:** 2-[[[4-[[[4-(Aminosulfonyl)phenyl]methyl]amino]pyrido[2,3-d]pyrimidin-2-yl]amino]-4-methyl-5-thiazolecarboxylic acid, ethyl ester

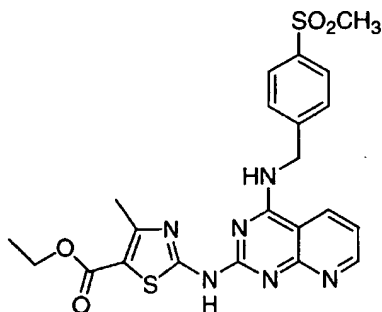
To a mixture of **B1.2** (42 mg, 0.120 mmol, 1 eq) and ethyl 2-amino-4-methylthiazole-5-carboxylate (44.7 mg, 0.240 mmol, 2 eq) in N,N-dimethylacetamide (1.2 mL) in a 2-dram vial was added tris(dibenzylideneacetone)dipalladium(0) (11 mg, 0.012 mmol, 0.1 eq), 2-(di-t-butylphosphino)biphenyl (10.7 mg, 0.036 mmol, 0.3 eq) and

sodium t-butoxide (23.1 mg, 0.240 mmol, 2 eq). The vial was purged with N<sub>2</sub>, sealed and heated in a 105 °C oil bath for 3.25 h. The reaction mixture was cooled to rt, filtered and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was treated with methanol (ca. 1 mL) and the precipitated solid was collected by filtration, washed with methanol and dried to afford  
 5 32.5 mg (54%) of product as an orange solid. LC/MS: 500.31 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>; HPLC: >95 % at 1.18 min (Xterra 5 µm C18 column 4.6 x 30 mm, 10-90 % aqueous methanol over 2 min containing 0.2% phosphoric acid, 5 mL/min, monitoring at 254 nm).

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### Example B2

#### 4-Methyl-2-[[[4-[[[4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]methyl]amino]pyrido[2,3-d]pyrimidin-2-yl]amino]-5-thiazolecarboxylic acid, ethyl ester

**B2**

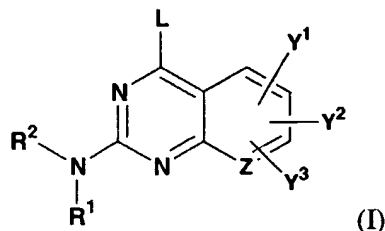
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**B2** was prepared in a manner analogous to example **B1** with the exception that in step **B1.2**, 4-methylsulfonylbenzylamine hydrochloride was substituted for 4-aminosulfonylbenzylamine hydrochloride. **B2** was isolated as a yellow solid; LC/MS: 499.33 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>; HPLC: >85 % at 1.19 min (Xterra 5 µm C18 S5 column 4.6 x 30 mm,  
 20 10-90 % aqueous methanol over 2 min containing 0.2% phosphoric acid, 5 mL/min, monitoring at 254 nm).



We claim:

1. A compound of Formula I



wherein

R<sup>1</sup> is H or alkyl;

R<sup>2</sup> is

- 10 (a) heteroaryl, or heterocyclo, either of which may be optionally substituted with one to three groups T<sup>1</sup>, T<sup>2</sup>, T<sup>3</sup>; or
- (b) aryl fused to a heteroaryl or heterocyclo ring wherein the combined ring system may be optionally substituted with one to three groups T<sup>1</sup>, T<sup>2</sup>, T<sup>3</sup>;

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- 15 (a) -OR<sup>4</sup>, -C(O)R<sup>4</sup>, -C(O)OR<sup>4</sup>, -SR<sup>4</sup>, -NR<sup>3</sup>R<sup>4</sup>, -C(O)NR<sup>3</sup>R<sup>4</sup>, -NR<sup>3</sup>SO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>4b</sup> halogen, nitro, haloalkyl; or
- (b) alkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, heterocyclo, or cycloalkyl any of which may be optionally substituted with one to three groups T<sup>1a</sup>, T<sup>2a</sup>, T<sup>3a</sup>;

Y<sup>1</sup>, Y<sup>2</sup> and Y<sup>3</sup> are independently

- 20 (a) hydrogen, halo, -OR<sup>4a</sup>, or
- (b) alkyl, alkenyl, or alkynyl any of which may be optionally substituted with one to three groups T<sup>1b</sup>, T<sup>2b</sup> or T<sup>3b</sup>;

R<sup>3</sup> and R<sup>4</sup> are independently H, alkyl, alkenyl, aryl, (aryl)alkyl, heteroaryl,

- (heteroaryl)alkyl, cycloalkyl, (cycloalkyl)alkyl, heterocyclo or (heterocyclo)alkyl
- 25 any of which may be optionally substituted with one to three groups T<sup>1a</sup>, T<sup>2a</sup> or T<sup>3a</sup>;

or R<sup>3</sup> and R<sup>4</sup> together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached may combine to form a 4 to 8 membered heterocyclo ring optionally substituted with one to three groups T<sup>1a</sup>, T<sup>2a</sup> or T<sup>3a</sup>;

R<sup>4a</sup> is hydrogen, alkyl, alkenyl, aryl, heteroaryl, (aryl)alkyl, (heteroaryl)alkyl, heterocyclo, (heterocyclo)alkyl, cycloalkyl or (cycloalkyl)alkyl any of which may be optionally substituted with one to three groups T<sup>1b</sup>, T<sup>2b</sup> or T<sup>3b</sup>;

R<sup>4b</sup> is alkyl, alkenyl, aryl, (aryl)alkyl, heteroaryl, (heteroaryl)alkyl, cycloalkyl, (cycloalkyl)alkyl, heterocyclo or (heterocyclo)alkyl any of which may be optionally substituted with one to three groups T<sup>1a</sup>, T<sup>2a</sup> or T<sup>3a</sup>;

Z is N or CH;

T<sup>1-1b</sup>, T<sup>2-2b</sup>, and T<sup>3-3b</sup> are each independently

(1) hydrogen or T<sup>6</sup>, where T<sup>6</sup> is

(i) alkyl, (hydroxy)alkyl, (alkoxy)alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, cycloalkyl, (cycloalkyl)alkyl, cycloalkenyl, (cycloalkenyl)alkyl, aryl, (aryl)alkyl, heterocyclo, (heterocyclo)alkyl, heteroaryl, or (heteroaryl)alkyl;

(ii) a group (i) which is itself substituted by one or more of the same or different groups (i); or

(iii) a group (i) or (ii) which is independently substituted by one or more (preferably 1 to 3) of the following groups (2) to (13) of the definition of T<sup>1-1b</sup>, T<sup>2-2b</sup> and T<sup>3-3b</sup>,

(2) -OH or -OT<sup>6</sup>,

(3) -SH or -ST<sup>6</sup>,

(4) -C(O)<sub>t</sub>H, -C(O)<sub>t</sub>T<sup>6</sup>, or -O-C(O)T<sup>6</sup>, where t is 1 or 2;

(5) -SO<sub>3</sub>H, -S(O)<sub>t</sub>T<sup>6</sup>, or S(O)<sub>t</sub>N(T<sup>9</sup>)T<sup>6</sup>,

(6) halo,

(7) cyano,

(8) nitro,

(9) -T<sup>4</sup>-NT<sup>7</sup>T<sup>8</sup>,

(10) -T<sup>4</sup>-N(T<sup>9</sup>)-T<sup>5</sup>-NT<sup>7</sup>T<sup>8</sup>,

(11)  $-T^4-N(T^{10})-T^5-T^6$ ,

(12)  $-T^4-N(T^{10})-T^5-H$ ,

(13) oxo,

$T^4$  and  $T^5$  are each independently

- 5 (1) a single bond,
- (2)  $-T^{11}-S(O)_t-T^{12}-$ ,
- (3)  $-T^{11}-C(O)-T^{12}-$ ,
- (4)  $-T^{11}-C(S)-T^{12}-$ ,
- (5)  $-T^{11}-O-T^{12}-$ ,
- 10 (6)  $-T^{11}-S-T^{12}-$ ,
- (7)  $-T^{11}-O-C(O)-T^{12}-$ ,
- (8)  $-T^{11}-C(O)-O-T^{12}-$ ,
- (9)  $-T^{11}-C(=NT^{9a})-T^{12}-$ , or
- (10)  $-T^{11}-C(O)-C(O)-T^{12}-$

15  $T^7$ ,  $T^8$ ,  $T^9$ ,  $T^{9a}$  and  $T^{10}$

(1) are each independently hydrogen or a group provided in the definition of  $T^6$ ,

or

(2)  $T^7$  and  $T^8$  may together be alkylene or alkenylene, completing a 3- to 8-

membered saturated or unsaturated ring together with the atoms to which

20 they are attached, which ring is unsubstituted or substituted with one or more

groups listed in the description of  $T^{1-1b}$ ,  $T^{2-2b}$  and  $T^{3-3b}$ , or

(3)  $T^7$  or  $T^8$ , together with  $T^9$ , may be alkylene or alkenylene completing a 3- to

8-membered saturated or unsaturated ring together with the nitrogen atoms to

which they are attached, which ring is unsubstituted or substituted with one or

25 more groups listed in the description of  $T^{1-1b}$ ,  $T^{2-2b}$  and  $T^{3-3b}$ , or

(4)  $T^7$  and  $T^8$  or  $T^9$  and  $T^{10}$  together with the nitrogen atom to which they are

attached may combine to form a group  $-N=CT^{13}T^{14}$  where  $T^{13}$  and  $T^{14}$  are

each independently H or a group provided in the definition of  $T^6$ ; and

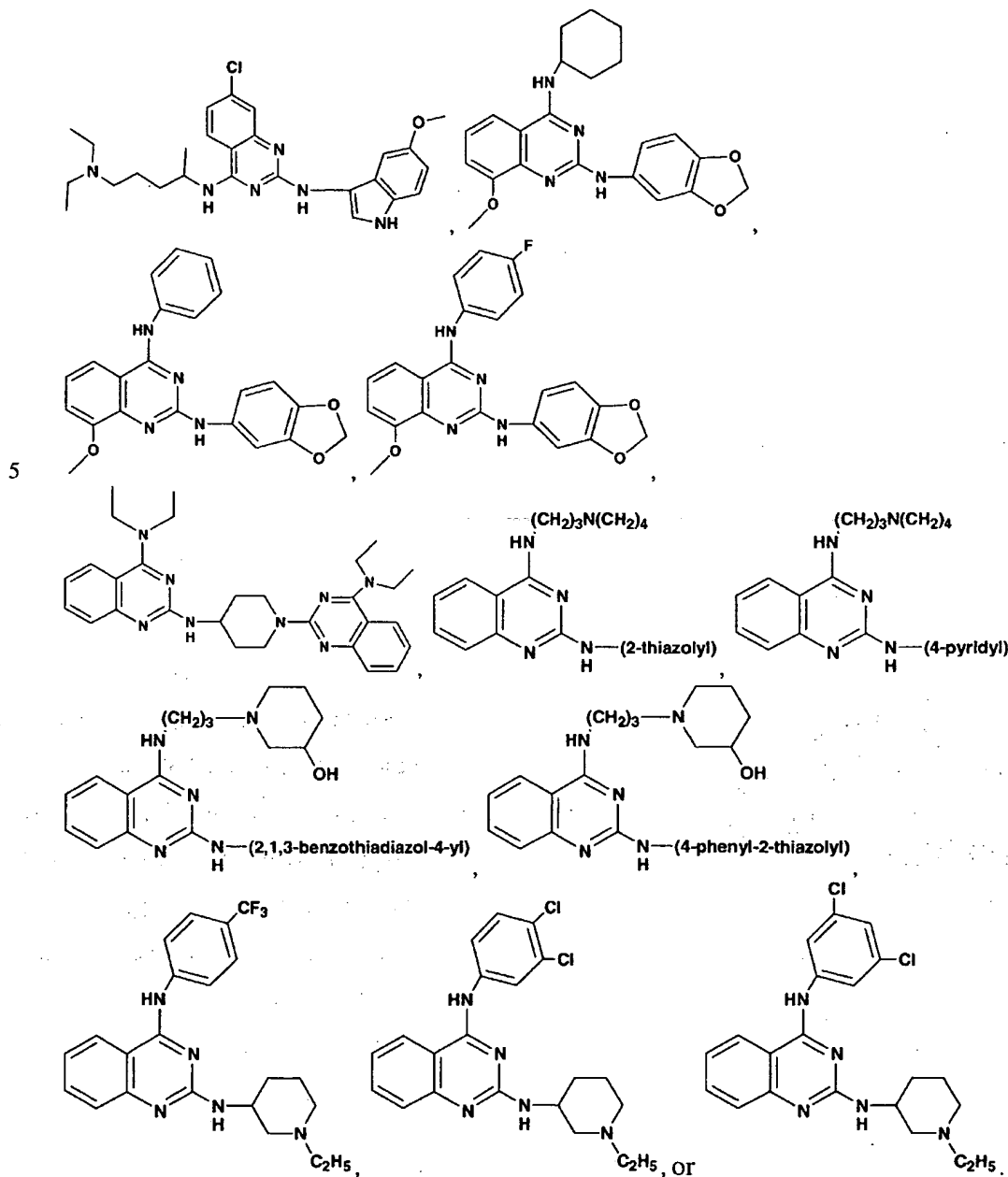
$T^{11}$  and  $T^{12}$  are each independently

- 30 (1) a single bond,
- (2) alkylene,

(3) alkenylene, or

(4) alkynylene

provided said compound is other than



(a) halogen, alkoxy, haloalkyl,  $-NR^3R^4$ ,  $-C(O)OR^4$ ,  $-C(O)NR^3R^4$ ;

(b) aryl or heteroaryl either of which may be optionally substituted with one or more  $T^{1a}$ ,  $T^{2a}$ ,  $T^{3a}$ ;

(c) optionally substituted alkyl;

5  $Y^1$ ,  $Y^2$  and  $Y^3$  are independently

(a) H,  $-OR^{4a}$  or

(b) alkyl or alkenyl either of which may be optionally substituted

$R^1$  is H or alkyl;

$R^2$  is

10 (a) heteroaryl optionally substituted with one to three groups  $T^1$ ,  $T^2$ ,  $T^3$ ; or

(b) aryl fused to a heterocyclo ring wherein the combined ring system may be optionally substituted with one to three groups  $T^1$ ,  $T^2$ ,  $T^3$ ;

$R^3$  is H or optionally substituted alkyl;

$R^4$  is

15 (a) hydrogen;

(b) (aryl)alkyl where the aryl group is optionally independently substituted with one or more groups  $T^{1a}$ ,  $T^{2a}$ ,  $T^{3a}$ ;

(c) (heteroaryl)alkyl where the heteroaryl group is optionally independently substituted with one or more groups  $T^{1a}$ ,  $T^{2a}$ ,  $T^{3a}$ ;

20 (d) (heterocyclo)alkyl where the heterocyclo group is optionally independently substituted with one or more groups  $T^{1a}$ ,  $T^{2a}$ ,  $T^{3a}$ ;

(e) alkyl optionally independently substituted with one or more groups  $T^{1a}$ ,  $T^{2a}$ ,  $T^{3a}$ ;

(f) heterocyclo optionally independently substituted with one or more groups  $T^{1a}$ ,  $T^{2a}$ ,  $T^{3a}$ ;

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or  $R^3$  and  $R^4$  together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached combine to form a 4 to 8-membered heterocyclo ring optionally substituted with one to three groups  $T^{1a}$ ,  $T^{2a}$ ,  $T^{3a}$ .

30 3. A compound of claim 2 wherein

L is

- (a) halogen, alkoxy, haloalkyl,  $-\text{NR}^3\text{R}^4$ ,  $-\text{C}(\text{O})\text{OR}^4$ ,  $-\text{C}(\text{O})\text{NR}^3\text{R}^4$ ;  
 (b) aryl or heteroaryl either of which may be optionally substituted with one or more  $\text{T}^{1a}$ ,  $\text{T}^{2a}$ ,  $\text{T}^{3a}$  selected from cyano, optionally substituted alkyl, (hydroxy)alkyl,  $-\text{OH}$ ,  $-\text{OT}^6$ ,  $-\text{ST}^6$ ,  $-\text{SO}_2\text{T}^6$ ,  $-\text{CO}_2\text{H}$ ,  $-\text{CO}_2\text{T}^6$ ,  $-\text{T}^4\text{NT}^7\text{T}^8$ ,  $-\text{T}^4\text{N}(\text{T}^{10})-\text{T}^5-\text{T}^6$  or heteroaryl;  
 (c) alkyl optionally substituted with one or more  $-\text{OH}$ ,  $-\text{CO}_2\text{H}$ ,  $-\text{CO}_2\text{T}^6$ ,  $-\text{T}^4-\text{NT}^7\text{T}^8$ ,  $-\text{T}^4-\text{N}(\text{T}^{10})-\text{T}^5-\text{H}$ , or  $-\text{T}^4-\text{N}(\text{T}^{10})-\text{T}^5-\text{T}^6$ ;

J is

- (a)  $\text{H}$ ,  $-\text{OR}^{4a}$  or  
 (b) alkyl or alkenyl either of which may be optionally substituted with one or more  $-\text{OH}$ ,  $-\text{OT}^6$ ,  $-\text{CO}_2\text{H}$ , or  $-\text{CO}_2\text{T}^6$ ;

$\text{R}^1$  is  $\text{H}$  or alkyl;

$\text{R}^2$  is

- (a) thiazolyl or oxazolyl each optionally substituted with one to three groups  $\text{T}^1$ ,  $\text{T}^2$ ,  $\text{T}^3$ , selected from alkyl, haloalkyl, halo, heteroaryl, cyano,  $\text{C}(\text{O})\text{T}^6$ ,  $\text{OT}^6$ , or  $-\text{T}^4\text{NT}^7\text{T}^8$ ; or  
 (b) aryl fused to a heterocyclo ring wherein the combined ring system may be optionally substituted with one to three groups  $\text{T}^1$ ,  $\text{T}^2$ ,  $\text{T}^3$  selected from halo,  $\text{OH}$ ,  $\text{OT}^6$ , alkyl,  $-\text{CO}_2\text{H}$ ,  $-\text{CO}_2\text{T}^6$ , or  $-\text{C}(\text{O})\text{NT}^7\text{T}^8$ ;

- $\text{R}^3$  is  $\text{H}$  or alkyl optionally substituted with one or more  $-\text{OH}$ , or  $-\text{OT}^6$ ;

$\text{R}^4$  is

- (a) hydrogen;  
 (b) (aryl)alkyl where the aryl group is optionally independently substituted with one or more groups  $\text{T}^{1a}$ ,  $\text{T}^{2a}$ ,  $\text{T}^{3a}$  selected from optionally substituted alkyl, halo, cyano, nitro, (hydroxy)alkyl,  $-\text{OH}$ ,  $-\text{OT}^6$ ,  $-\text{ST}^6$ ,  $-\text{CO}_2\text{H}$ ,  $-\text{CO}_2\text{T}^6$ ,  $-\text{SO}_3\text{H}$ ,  $-\text{SO}_2\text{T}^6$ ,  $-\text{SO}_2\text{N}(\text{T}^9)(\text{T}^6)$ ,  $-\text{T}^4\text{NT}^7\text{T}^8$ ,  $-\text{T}^4-\text{N}(\text{T}^{10})-\text{T}^5-\text{T}^6$ , heterocyclo, or heteroaryl;  
 (c) (heteroaryl)alkyl where the heteroaryl group is optionally independently substituted with one or more groups  $\text{T}^{1a}$ ,  $\text{T}^{2a}$ ,  $\text{T}^{3a}$  selected from optionally substituted alkyl, halo, cyano, nitro, oxo, (hydroxy)alkyl,  $-\text{OH}$ ,  $-\text{OT}^6$ ,

-ST<sup>6</sup>, -CO<sub>2</sub>H, -CO<sub>2</sub>T<sup>6</sup>, -SO<sub>3</sub>H, -SO<sub>2</sub>T<sup>6</sup>, -SO<sub>2</sub>N(T<sup>9</sup>)(T<sup>6</sup>), -T<sup>4</sup>NT<sup>7</sup>T<sup>8</sup>,  
-T<sup>4</sup>-N(T<sup>10</sup>)-T<sup>5</sup>-T<sup>6</sup>, heterocyclo, or heteroaryl;

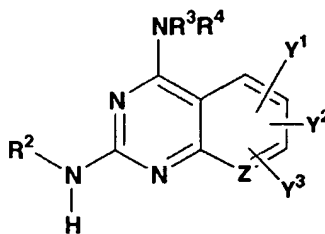
(d) (heterocyclo)alkyl where the heterocyclo group is optionally independently substituted with one or more groups T<sup>1a</sup>, T<sup>2a</sup>, T<sup>3a</sup> selected from optionally substituted alkyl, halo, cyano, nitro, (hydroxy)alkyl, -OH, -OT<sup>6</sup>, -ST<sup>6</sup>,  
-CO<sub>2</sub>H, -CO<sub>2</sub>T<sup>6</sup>, -SO<sub>3</sub>H, -SO<sub>2</sub>T<sup>6</sup>, -T<sup>4</sup>NT<sup>7</sup>T<sup>8</sup>, -T<sup>4</sup>-N(T<sup>10</sup>)-T<sup>5</sup>-T<sup>6</sup>, heterocyclo, or heteroaryl;

(e) alkyl optionally independently substituted with one or more groups T<sup>1a</sup>, T<sup>2a</sup>, T<sup>3a</sup> selected from -OH, -OT<sup>6</sup>, -CO<sub>2</sub>H, -CO<sub>2</sub>T<sup>6</sup>, -T<sup>4</sup>NT<sup>7</sup>T<sup>8</sup> or  
-T<sup>4</sup>-N(T<sup>10</sup>)-T<sup>5</sup>-T<sup>6</sup>;

(f) heterocyclo optionally independently substituted with one or more groups T<sup>1a</sup>, T<sup>2a</sup>, T<sup>3a</sup> selected from optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted aryl, cyano, -OH, -OT<sup>6</sup>, -CO<sub>2</sub>H, -CO<sub>2</sub>T<sup>6</sup>, oxo, hydroxy(alkyl), (alkoxy)alkyl, -T<sup>4</sup>-N(T<sup>10</sup>)-T<sup>5</sup>-T<sup>6</sup>, or -T<sup>4</sup>-NT<sup>7</sup>T<sup>8</sup>;

or R<sup>3</sup> and R<sup>4</sup> together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached combine to form a heterocyclo ring selected from pyrrolidinyl, piperadinyl, piperazinyl, morpholinyl, diazapanyl or 1,4-dioxo-8-azaspiro[4.5]decan-8-yl), any of which are optionally independently substituted with one to three groups T<sup>1a</sup>, T<sup>2a</sup>, T<sup>3a</sup> selected from optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted aryl, cyano, -OH, -OT<sup>6</sup>, -CO<sub>2</sub>H, -CO<sub>2</sub>T<sup>6</sup>, oxo, hydroxy(alkyl), (alkoxy)alkyl, -T<sup>4</sup>-N(T<sup>10</sup>)-T<sup>5</sup>-T<sup>6</sup>, or -T<sup>4</sup>-NT<sup>7</sup>T<sup>8</sup>.

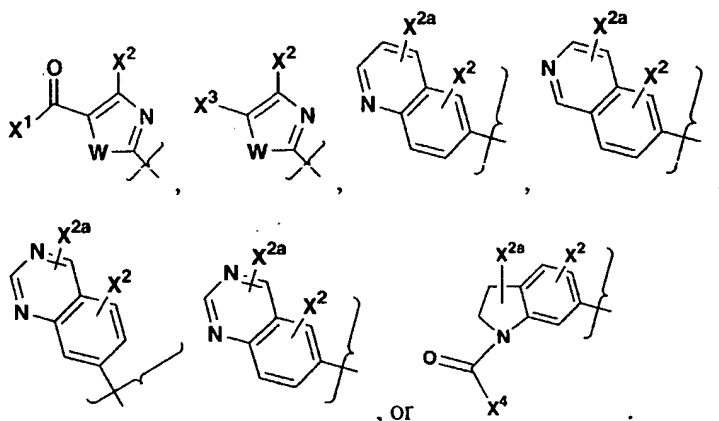
4. A compound of claim 1 having formula II



II

where:

R<sup>2</sup> is



wherein:

5 W is O or S;

X<sup>1</sup> is NHT<sup>8</sup> or OT<sup>6</sup>;

X<sup>2</sup> and X<sup>2a</sup> are independently hydrogen, halo, OT<sup>6</sup>, alkyl, or haloalkyl;

X<sup>3</sup> is heteroaryl (preferably, pyrimidinyl, imidazolyl, oxazolyl, or thiazolyl any of which  
may be further optionally substituted), cyano, C(O)<sub>i</sub>T<sup>6</sup>, or S(O)<sub>i</sub>NT<sup>7</sup>T<sup>8</sup>; and

10 X<sup>4</sup> is alkyl, haloalkyl, NHT<sup>8</sup> or OT<sup>6</sup>.

5. A compound of claim 4 wherein

R<sup>3</sup> is H or alkyl optionally substituted with one or more -OH, or -OT<sup>6</sup>;

R<sup>4</sup> is

15 (a) hydrogen;

(b) (aryl)alkyl where the aryl group is optionally independently substituted with  
one or more groups T<sup>1a</sup>, T<sup>2a</sup>, T<sup>3a</sup> selected from optionally substituted alkyl,  
halo, cyano, nitro, (hydroxy)alkyl, -OH, -OT<sup>6</sup>, -ST<sup>6</sup>, -CO<sub>i</sub>H, -CO<sub>i</sub>T<sup>6</sup>,  
-SO<sub>3</sub>H, -SO<sub>i</sub>T<sup>6</sup>, -SO<sub>i</sub>N(T<sup>9</sup>)(T<sup>6</sup>), -T<sup>4</sup>NT<sup>7</sup>T<sup>8</sup>, -T<sup>4</sup>-N(T<sup>10</sup>)-T<sup>5</sup>-T<sup>6</sup>, heterocyclo,  
20 or heteroaryl

where

T<sup>4</sup> is a bond, -SO<sub>2</sub>-, or -C(O)-;

T<sup>5</sup> is -SO<sub>2</sub>-, or -alkylene-O-;

T<sup>6</sup> is alkyl, or cycloalkyl;

25 T<sup>7</sup> and T<sup>8</sup> are independently H or alkyl; and



$T^9$  and  $T^{10}$  are hydrogen;

- (c) (heteroaryl)alkyl where the heteroaryl group is optionally independently substituted with one or more groups  $T^{1a}$ ,  $T^{2a}$ ,  $T^{3a}$  selected from optionally substituted alkyl, halo, cyano, nitro, oxo, (hydroxy)alkyl,  $-OH$ ,  $-OT^6$ ,  $-ST^6$ ,  $-CO_2H$ ,  $-CO_2T^6$ ,  $-SO_3H$ ,  $-SO_2T^6$ ,  $-SO_2N(T^9)(T^6)$ ,  $-T^4NT^7T^8$ ,  $-T^4-N(T^{10})-T^5-T^6$ , heterocyclo, or heteroaryl

where

$T^4$  is a bond,  $-SO_2-$ , or  $-C(O)-$ ;

$T^5$  is  $-SO_2-$ , or  $-alkylene-O-$ ;

$T^6$  is alkyl, or cycloalkyl;

$T^7$  and  $T^8$  are independently H or alkyl; and

$T^9$  and  $T^{10}$  are hydrogen;

- (d) (heterocyclo)alkyl where the heterocyclo group is optionally independently substituted with one or more groups  $T^{1a}$ ,  $T^{2a}$ ,  $T^{3a}$  selected from optionally substituted alkyl, halo, cyano, nitro, (hydroxy)alkyl,  $-OH$ ,  $-OT^6$ ,  $-ST^6$ ,  $-CO_2H$ ,  $-CO_2T^6$ ,  $-SO_3H$ ,  $-SO_2T^6$ ,  $-T^4NT^7T^8$ ,  $-T^4-N(T^{10})-T^5-T^6$ , heterocyclo, or heteroaryl

where

$T^4$  is a bond,  $-SO_2-$ , or  $-C(O)-$ ;

$T^5$  is  $-SO_2-$ , or  $-alkylene-O-$ ;

$T^6$  is alkyl, or cycloalkyl;

$T^7$  and  $T^8$  are independently H or alkyl; and

$T^9$  and  $T^{10}$  are hydrogen;

- (e) alkyl optionally independently substituted with one or more groups  $T^{1a}$ ,  $T^{2a}$ ,  $T^{3a}$  selected from  $-OH$ ,  $-OT^6$ ,  $-CO_2H$ ,  $-CO_2T^6$ ,  $-T^4NT^7T^8$  or  $-T^4-N(T^{10})-T^5-T^6$

where

$T^4$  is a bond;

$T^5$  is  $-CO-$ ;

$T^6$  is alkyl;

$T^7$  and  $T^8$  are independently H or alkyl; and

$T^{10}$  is hydrogen;

- (f) heterocyclo optionally independently substituted with one or more groups  $T^{1a}$ ,  $T^{2a}$ ,  $T^{3a}$  selected from optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted aryl, cyano, -OH, -OT<sup>6</sup>, -CO<sub>2</sub>H, -CO<sub>2</sub>T<sup>6</sup>, oxo, hydroxy(alkyl),
- 5 (alkoxy)alkyl, -T<sup>4</sup>-N( $T^{10}$ )-T<sup>5</sup>-T<sup>6</sup>, or -T<sup>4</sup>-NT<sup>7</sup>T<sup>8</sup>,

where

T<sup>4</sup> is a bond or -C(O)-;

T<sup>5</sup> is -C(O)-, -SO<sub>2</sub>-, or -alkylene-C(O)O-;

T<sup>6</sup> is alkyl, alkoxy, or heteroaryl;

10 T<sup>7</sup> and T<sup>8</sup> are independently H, alkyl, or cycloalkyl;

or T<sup>7</sup> and T<sup>8</sup> together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached combine to form a an optionally substituted heterocyclo ring;

or R<sup>3</sup> and R<sup>4</sup> together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached combine to form

- 15 a heterocyclo ring selected from pyrrolidinyl, piperadinyl, piperazinyl, morpholinyl, diazapanyl or 1,4-dioxo-8-azaspiro[4.5]decan-8-yl), any of which are optionally independently substituted with one to three groups  $T^{1a}$ ,  $T^{2a}$ ,  $T^{3a}$  selected from alkyl optionally substituted with -T<sup>4</sup>NT<sup>7</sup>T<sup>8</sup>, optionally substituted aryl, cyano, -OH, -OT<sup>6</sup>, -CO<sub>2</sub>H, -CO<sub>2</sub>T<sup>6</sup>, oxo, hydroxy(alkyl), (alkoxy)alkyl,
- 20 -T<sup>4</sup>-N( $T^{10}$ )-T<sup>5</sup>-T<sup>6</sup>, or -T<sup>4</sup>-NT<sup>7</sup>T<sup>8</sup>,

where

T<sup>4</sup> is a bond or -C(O)-;

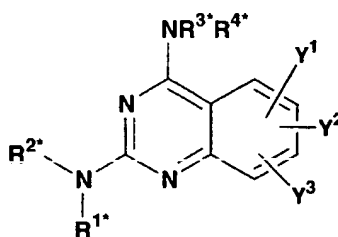
T<sup>5</sup> is -C(O)-, -SO<sub>2</sub>-, or -alkylene-C(O)O-;

T<sup>6</sup> is alkyl, alkoxy, or heteroaryl;

25 T<sup>7</sup> and T<sup>8</sup> are independently H, alkyl, or cycloalkyl;

or T<sup>7</sup> and T<sup>8</sup> together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached combine to form a an optionally substituted heterocyclo ring.

- 30 6. A compound of claim 1 of the following formula III



III

wherein

R<sup>1\*</sup> is H or alkyl;

5 R<sup>2\*</sup> is optionally substituted heteroaryl;

R<sup>3\*</sup> is H or alkyl;

R<sup>4\*</sup> is optionally substituted (aryl)alkyl; and

Y<sup>1</sup>, Y<sup>2</sup> and Y<sup>3</sup> are each hydrogen.

10 7. A compound of claim 6 wherein

R<sup>1\*</sup> is H;

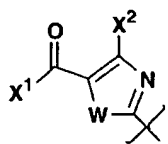
R<sup>2\*</sup> is thiazolyl, oxazolyl, or isoxazolyl (preferably thiazolyl) any of which may be optionally substituted (preferably with one or more alkyl, or alkoxy carbonyl groups);

15 R<sup>3\*</sup> is H; and

R<sup>4\*</sup> is (phenyl)alkyl, optionally substituted with one or more -SO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>5</sup> where R<sup>5</sup> is alkyl, amino, alkylamino or dialkylamino.

20 8. A compound of claim 7 wherein

R<sup>2\*</sup> is



where W is O or S, X<sup>1</sup> is alkoxy, and X<sup>2</sup> is alkyl.

9. A pharmaceutical composition comprising at least one compound of claim 1  
25 together with a pharmaceutically acceptable vehicle or carrier therefor.

10. A method of treating T-cell mediated diseases which comprises administering an effective amount of at least one compound claim 1 to a patient in need thereof.

5           11. A method of claim 10 wherein said T-cell mediated disorder is transplant rejection.

          12. A method of claim 10 wherein said T-cell mediated disorder is graft versus host disease.

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          13. A method of claim 10 wherein said T-cell mediated disorder is rheumatoid arthritis.

          14. A method of claim 10 wherein said T-cell mediated disorder is multiple  
15   sclerosis.

          15. A method of claim 10 wherein said T-cell mediated disorder is juvenile diabetes.

20           16. A method of claim 10 wherein said T-cell mediated disorder is asthma.

          17. A method of claim 10 wherein said T-cell mediated disorder is inflammatory bowel disease.

25           18. A method of claim 10 wherein said T-cell mediated disorder is ischemic or reperfusion injury.

          19. A method of claim 10 wherein said T-cell mediated disorder is cell  
proliferation.

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          20. A method of claim 10 wherein the T-cell mediated disorder is psoriasis.

21. A pharmaceutical composition of claim 9 further comprising at least additional therapeutic agent selected from PDE 4 inhibitors, NSAIDs, COX-2 inhibitors, TNF- $\alpha$  inhibitors, beta-2 agonists, anti-cholinergic agents, and steroids.

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